

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2353
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2353, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend provisions of the civil service law relating to exemptions from civil service.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Restores one additional civil service-exempt deputy director position for the Department of Human Services; and
- (2) Provides three-year civil service exemptions for various positions in the Department of Human Services; Department of Public Safety; Department of Health; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Human Resources Development; and Department of Public Safety.



Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that exempting certain positions from civil service requirements may assist in the recruitment and retention of qualified professionals. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Health has experienced difficulty in recruiting qualified internists for the Hawaii State Hospital and forensic psychologists to perform court ordered examinations and monitor individuals on conditional release.

Your Committee notes that this measure broadly exempts a number of position classifications in various departments. Your Committee, therefore, requests that, as this measure moves forward, the Department of Human Resources Development provide the Legislature with a breakdown regarding the specific civil service exemptions needed per department and division, justifications for each, and the number of positions that are to be exempt.

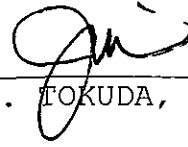
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the Department of Health to establish eighteen forensic psychologist positions and two Hawaii State Hospital primary care physician positions, which shall be civil service-exempt for a period of three years; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2076, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2353, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2353, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

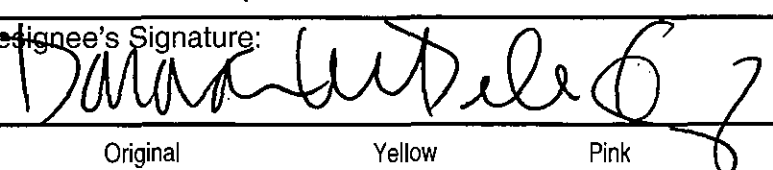


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2353, HD2, SD1	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 4/4/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.		/		
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	10	1		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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