

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3027

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2606
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2606, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a
retirement benefit incentive for public employees, otherwise
eligible to retire, whose positions are subject to layoff due to
the consolidation or abolition of functions, or the privatization
of the functions of the position as a result of Act 103, Session
Laws of Hawaii 2015.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local
152, AFL-CIO; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of
Budget and Finance and Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee finds that public employees whose positions
are subject to layoff due to the consolidation or abolition of
functions, or the privatization of the functions of the position,
may face excessive economic hardship. Implementation of this
measure will provide meaningful financial support to public
employees who lose their jobs out of no fault of their own.



Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting the contents of S.B. No. 3000, S.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2016), a substantively similar measure, which:

- (1) Establishes a retirement benefit incentive for public employees, otherwise eligible to retire, whose positions are subject to layoff due to the consolidation or abolition of functions, or the privatization of the functions of the positions;
- (2) Has a sunset date of July 1, 2018; and
- (3) Has an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2606, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2606, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,




GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2606 HD2	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 3/16/16		
<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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)				/
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
SLOM, Sam			/	
TOTAL	5		1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes