

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **b**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 2015

RE: S.B. No. 249
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 249 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH
BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require,
beginning with fiscal year 2016-2017, reimbursements from a non-
general or federal fund to the general fund for the annual
required contribution made for state employees or retirees whose
compensation is or was paid from the non-general or federal fund.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Budget and Finance and the University of Hawaii
System.

Your Committee notes that upon questioning from the Chair,
the Director of Finance expressed concern that this measure may
hamper the timeliness of reimbursements that is currently done on
a monthly basis. Further, the State has obtained approval for a
fringe benefit rate for calculating other post-employment benefit
reimbursements from the federal government, so requiring the
Director to establish a formula for reimbursements may actually
hamper that process. Your Committee encourages your Committee on
Ways and Means to give consideration to whether this measure would
hamper the process for reimbursement currently in place if it
chooses to schedule this measure for a hearing.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 249, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 249, S.D. 1, and be referred to the 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.:* SB 249	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 1/29/15		
<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)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓	✓		
TOTAL	4	1	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 10px;"></div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes