

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 724

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 724 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-DISCRETIONARY COSTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Budget and Finance to issue annual reports on non-discretionary costs for the purpose of providing indicators of the budgetary situation of the State.

Specifically, this measure establishes reporting requirements concerning the following general fund costs:

- (1) Debt service for general obligation bonds;
- (2) Medicaid service costs; and
- (3) Employer contributions for pension, retirement, and health benefits for state employees and retirees.

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


Your Committee finds that disclosure of non-discretionary costs and related ratios will assist the Legislature in monitoring future financial liabilities and in taking preventative, corrective actions before crises occur.



Your Committee will continue to work with the Department of Budget and Finance on this measure and related legislation to improve and enhance budgetary information that is required to be submitted to the Legislature.

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 S.B. No. 724 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

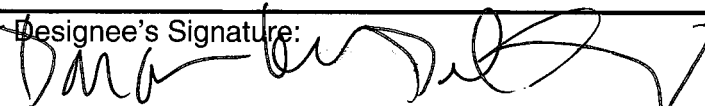


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 724	Committee Referral: WAM	Date: 2/3/17		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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