

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2747
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2747 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 2, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO REQUIRE THE FORFEITURE OR REDUCTION OF PENSION BENEFITS OF A MEMBER, FORMER MEMBER, OR RETIRANT OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO IS CONVICTED OF A FELONY RELATED TO THE MEMBER'S, FORMER MEMBER'S, OR RETIRANT'S EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to propose an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by law for the forfeiture or reduction of benefits of any member, former member, or retirant of the employees' retirement system if the member, former member, or retirant is convicted of a felony related to the employment with the State or counties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Common Cause Hawaii and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission.



Your Committee finds that public officers and employees are responsible for upholding the public's trust in government and democracy. Your Committee further finds that the public's belief in government and democracy become strained when public officers and employees participate in misconduct in their employment, while maintaining the benefits from their employment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting the provision specifying when the measure is effective.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2747, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2747, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



