

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 554
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 554 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPENSES OF NEIGHBOR ISLAND
RESIDENT PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require payment of travel expenses and per diem allowance to members of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) who are residents of a county other than the City and County of Honolulu for travel authorized by the PUC.

The PUC and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs testified in support of this measure. Citizens' Caucus opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

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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. 554, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 554, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



