

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2875

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2866
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2866 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION
HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND EMPLOYEE-BENEFICIARY MONTHLY
CONTRIBUTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend section 87A-40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to mandate that newly retired employees pay their share of health benefits premiums through monthly electronic deductions from their Employees' Retirement System pension or their financial institution.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee finds that monthly electronic deductions from retired employees or surviving employee-beneficiary's employees' retirement system pension or other financial institution improves operational efficiency, reduces banking fees and ensures that retired employees do not miss any monthly payments and possibly lose their health benefits.

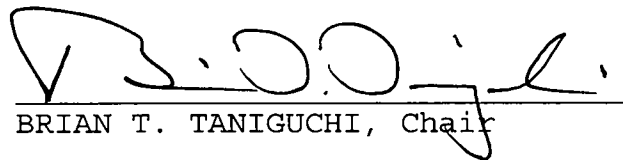


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language as suggested by the Employees' Retirement System to include coverage for the retirant or the surviving beneficiary for the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust fund under provisions of section 88-95, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as may be necessary to effectuate the maximum recovery of retirement benefits; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2866, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2866, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor, Culture and
the Arts,

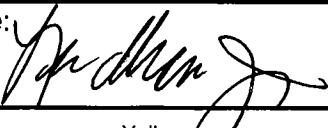


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2866	LCA, WAM	2/04/2020		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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