

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1315
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor and Technology, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1315 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION
HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM
REIMBURSEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exclude state
and county retired employees hired after June 30, 2023, and their
spouses from receiving Medicare income related monthly adjustment
amounts as part of their Medicare Part B reimbursement payments.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and
Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from the State of Hawaii
Organization of Police Officers. Your Committee received comments
on this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association,
AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that many retired state employees
contributed decades of years of service to the State in various
roles. Presently, the State requires retirees and their
dependents to enroll in Medicare Part B, if eligible; enroll in
EUTF retiree medical or prescription drug plans; or both. To
reduce significant costs to the State, this measure eliminates



reimbursements of the Medicare Part B income related monthly adjustment amounts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; 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 and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1315, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1315, 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 and
Technology,




SHARON MORIWAKI Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Labor and Technology
LBT

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1315	Committee Referral: LBT, WAM	Date: 2/10/23		
<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
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)	x			
LEE, Chris (VC)	x			
IHARA, Jr., Les	x			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	x			
FEVELLA, Kurt			x	
TOTAL	4		1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"></div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes