

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1469

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21

, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1536
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 1536,
S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the exemption for
the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism
Authority from the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that the President and Chief Executive
Officer position within the Hawaii Tourism Authority has been
vacant for over a year. Removing the exemption for an individual
occupying this position to contribute into and benefit from the
Employees' Retirement System serves as an incentive to expand the
applicant pool of qualified candidates to expeditiously fill the
vacancy for the President and Chief Executive Officer position
within the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Requiring retirants who return to service as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to re-enroll into the Employees' Retirement System; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor,


JACKSON D. SAYAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1536, SD2, HD1	Committee Referral: TOU, LAB, FIN	Date: 3/20/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (C)	X			
2. LEE, Mike (VC)	X			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	X			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne				X
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	X			
6. REYES ODA, Julie	X			
TOTAL (6)	5			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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