

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22, 2024

RE: S.B. No. 578
S.D. 3
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 578, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow a retirant to be employed as an investigator in a position identified by the Department of the Attorney General as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position, subject to certain conditions, without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of retirement benefits; and
- (2) Require reporting of the employment of those retirants to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Law Enforcement; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Employees' Retirement System.



Your Committee finds that the Department of the Attorney General has identified certain investigator positions as difficult to fill and critically important to the Department's law enforcement capability and objectives. Given the Department's long-standing need for investigators, this measure would expedite the process of bringing trained, experienced investigators back to the work force without any loss or interruption to their existing retirement benefits.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 578, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



