

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1536
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

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

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the exemption of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from the State's Employees' Retirement System; and
- (2) Require a retirant returning to service as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to re-enroll into the Employees' Retirement System.



Your Committee on Conference finds that existing law exempts the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from enrolling in the Employees' Retirement System. Your Committee on Conference further finds that exempting public employment positions from the Employees' Retirement System can lead to inequity within the public service and the underfunding of the System. By removing the exemption for the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, this measure ensures that state employees, regardless of position, contribute to, and benefit from, the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


ADRIAN K. TAM
Co-Chair


LYNN DECOITE
Chair


JACKSON D. SAITAMA
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Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.
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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
DECOITE, Lynn, Chr.	/				TAM, Adrian K., Co-Chr.	/			
AQUINO, Henry J.C., Co-Chr.	/				SAYAMA, Jackson D., Co-Chr.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado, Co-Chr.	/				TEMPLO, Shirley Ann, Co-Chr.	/			
AWA, Brenton				/	MATSUMOTO, Lauren				/
TOTAL	3			1	TOTAL	3			1

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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