

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

448

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1536
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Labor and Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 1536 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the exemptions of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from the State's Employees' Retirement System.

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

Your Committees find that exempting certain public employment positions from the Employees' Retirement System can contribute to inequity within the public service and the underfunding of the System. Removing these exemptions ensures that all state employees, regardless of position, contribute to and benefit from the System equally. This measure addresses this issue by removing the exemptions for the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Labor and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1536, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development and Tourism and
Labor and Technology,



HENRY C. AQUINO, Chair



LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Labor and Technology
LBT

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1536	Committee Referral: EDT/LBT, WAM	Date: 2/6/25		
<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
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
LEE, Chris (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	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; margin-top: 10px;"></div>				
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