

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 708

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2025

RE: S.B. No. 935
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 935 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the law relating to government.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed S.D. 1, which amends this measure by deleting its contents and replacing it with language that amends provisions of the Employees' Retirement System by:

- (1) Setting the retirement allowance for a member who has credited service as a judge after January 1, 2025, irrespective of age, at 1.75 per cent of the member's average final compensation for each year of credited service as a judge;
- (2) Including sheriffs and deputies among police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, investigators of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, investigators of the Department of the Attorney General, narcotics enforcement investigators, and law enforcement



investigations staff investigators with regard to their retirement allowance rate;

- (3) Reducing from ten years to five years the minimum number of years of credited service that qualified Tier 2 Employees' Retirement System members must have in order to be eligible for vested benefit status for service retirement allowance purposes; and
- (4) Increasing employer contributions to offset the resulting liability.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed S.D. 1.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 935, as amended herein, and recommends that it be recommitted to your Committee on Ways and Means in the form attached hereto as S.B. No.935, S.D.1, for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 935	Committee Referral: WAM	Date: 2-18-2025		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes