STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1195 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Morch 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3012

S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred S.B. No. 3012, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow public employees with incurable debilitating diseases and approved for ordinary disability benefits to retire at a time of their choosing rather than by the 90-day deadline established through administrative rules.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) opposed this measure.

Currently, ERS administrative rules require a member to retire within 90 days after the member is notified of a favorable decision on the member's ordinary disability retirement application even though the employee may still be productive. Your Committee finds that many employees diagnosed with debilitating or incurable diseases often remain productive members of society who are willing to provide invaluable service to the community. These individuals should be allowed to continue to work until they are physically unable to do so.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3012, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment,

KIRK CALDWELL, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	3-17-	26		
SB 3012 SD1 Committee Referral: LAB, FIN		☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	□ Pa	ss, with amendmen	ts		
☐ Hold	☐ Recommit				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. CALDWELL, Kirk (C)	V				
2. NAKASONE, Bob (VC)				·	
3. CHONG, Pono					
4. ITO, Ken				·	
5. OSHIRO, Marcus R.					
6. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				•	
7. SOUKI, Joseph M.					
8. MEYER, Colleen Rose				~	
9. STEVENS, Anne V.					
TOTAL	7			2	
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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