STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2052

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2416

S.D. 2

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2416, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REHIRING OF RETIREES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow individuals who have retired from public service to be rehired for critical-to-fill or labor shortage positions by the State or a county without the loss or suspension of retirement benefits.

The measure also requires that, to qualify for rehiring, the retirant must have been retired for at least one calendar year prior to being rehired.

Your Committee finds that the current labor pool is decreasing in Hawaii, yet the need for qualified individuals to work for the state and county governments remains constant. Your Committee recognizes that the changing demographics of the current workforce have resulted in an aging workforce, with many workers becoming eligible for retirement with full benefits. The utilization of retired government employees will provide a short-and long-term solution to the current workforce deficits that have been created by an increased number of retirements, positions in a labor shortage category, and positions categorized as hard-to-fill.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Judiciary may participate in this personnel initiative; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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. 2416, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2416, S.D. 2.

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

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Ways and Means (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referr	al:	Date:			
SB 2416 SD1	LBR,	WAM	2/28/06			
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is to:						
Pass, unamended (2312)	Pass, with ame (2311)	ndments	Hold Recommit (2310) (2313)			
Members		Ayes A	yes(WR)	Nays	Excused	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)				i		
TSUTSUL, Shan S. (VC)						
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		/				
ESPERO, WIII						
FUKUNAGA, Carol		/				
HOOSER, Gary L.						
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		/	_			
KANNO, Brian						
KIM, Donna Mercado		/				
KOKUBUN, Russell S.					:	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.						
SAKAMOTO, Norman	1 - 101 1 -		48.1 11.1		: ;	
HEMMINGS, Fred						
SLOM, Sam						
TRIMBLE, Gordon						
TOTAL		10	0	2	3	
Recommendation:						
Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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