

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1672

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1672 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize increases to the
salaries of legislative service agency deputies and first
assistants.

Specifically, the measure authorizes the increase of the
maximum allowable salaries of the deputies and first assistants of
the Offices of the Auditor, Ombudsman, and the Legislative
Reference Bureau from eighty-seven to ninety-two per cent of the
salaries of their respective agency heads.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure
from the Office of the Auditor, the Office of the Ombudsman, and
the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that, generally, Act 225, Session Laws
of Hawaii 2005 made the salaries of legislative agency heads
comparable to executive department heads. The salaries for
deputies and first assistants, however, were not comparable, and
the law allowed executive department deputies to command more pay
than their legislative agency counterparts.

This measure remedies this problem by providing equity to
legislative agency deputies and first assistants by increasing
their allowable salaries to equal those of their executive agency



counterparts. The measure will also assist legislative agencies with recruitment and job retention efforts and will more accurately compensate legislative agency deputies and first assistants for the duties and responsibilities that they perform.

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 H.B. No. 1672, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



ROSALYN A. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HB 1672</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/20/07</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	8	0	0	3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Distribution: Original File with Committee Report </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Yellow Clerk's Office </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Pink Drafting Agency </div> </div>				

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