

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1281

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 S.B. No. 1281 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES EXCLUDED FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for fiscal year 2007-2008 salary increases and other cost adjustments for officers and employees of legislative agencies who are excluded from collective bargaining.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Office of the Auditor, the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Office of the Ombudsman, the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, and the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

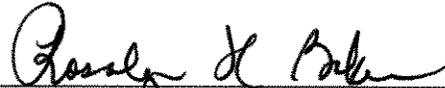
Your Committee finds that this bill is a vehicle to provide funding for any salary increases that may be authorized for excluded employees in the legislative service agencies as the result of collective bargaining agreements. Your Committee finds it is necessary to keep this vehicle available during session while collective bargaining is ongoing.

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. 1281 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



