Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2262

S.D. 1

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2008 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2262, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the continuous provision of health benefits for teachers belonging to bargaining unit (5), as well as future retirees of that bargaining unit, and existing retirees who participate in the Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Trust by:

- (1) Providing any retiree who, prior to July 1, 2008, declined the option to transfer from participation in the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) to VEBA, a final one-time option to transfer participation; and
- (2) Making VEBA a permanent program through the repeal of its sunset date of July 1, 2009.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA), HSTA - Retired Oahu District, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Human Resources Development, Administrator of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, and a concerned individual opposed this measure. The Department of the Attorney General, Hawaii

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Government Employees Association, and HSTA - Member Benefits Corporation submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Reinstituting the sunset date and extending it by one year to July 1, 2010;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2262, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2262, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:		Date:	
SB 2262, SD1, HD1	LAB, FIN		3-26-2008	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)				
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	ν			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani				
4. BELATTI, Della Au	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\			
5. BROWER, Tom				
6. CARROLL, Mele	<i></i>			
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.				
8. HAR, Sharon E.				
9. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				
10. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.				
11. MANAHAN, Joey				
12. MIZUNO, John				
13. NAKASONE, Bob				
14. RHOADS, Karl				
15. SAGUM, Roland D., III				
16. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose				
18. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				
19. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.				
TOTAL (19)	15	0	0	4
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: May B. Lel				
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