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Honolulu, Hawaii F. 48, 2010 RE: H.B. No. 2919

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2919 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 provide equality in benefits to people doing similar work by expanding the definition of "sewer worker" to include sewer maintenance working supervisors, wastewater collection system inspection supervisors, wastewater collection system district supervisors, and wastewater collection system field services supervisors.

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Human Resources (DHR), Hawaii Government Employees' Association AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, United Public Workers, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Employees' Retirement System (ERS) opposed this measure.

Your Committee recognizes the concerns presented by the ERS regarding expanding the definition of "sewer worker" under section 88-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as it will enable a greater number of employees to take early retirement without reduction for age as long as the member has at least 25 years of service. ERS also communicated that this action will increase the ERS' \$6.2 billion unfunded actuarial accrued liability, and it is contrary to the moratorium on benefit enhancements set in place by Act 256, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007. However, your Committee finds that

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this bill would have a minimal impact as, according to the DHR, there are only seven employees that would receive this benefit enhancement should this bill become enacted.

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 H.B. No. 2919 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,

KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

	Committee Referral:		Date:	
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Image: Pass, unamended (as is) Image: Pass, with amendments (HD) Image: Hold Image: Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) Image: Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)				
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)				
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani			and a set of the sector of the	
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.				
6. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.			and the second strategy	
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7. LEE, Marilyn B.				
8. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				
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9. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				
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12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				-
TOTAL (12)	11		_	1
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If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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