STAND. COM. REP. NO.23+44

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 17 2010

RE:

H.B. No. 2919

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2919, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "sewer worker" for purposes of the Employees' Retirement System.

Specifically, this measure includes the following classification titles as a "sewer worker":

- (1) Sewer maintenance working supervisor;
- (2) Wastewater collection system inspection supervisor;
- (3) Wastewater collection system district supervisor;
- (4) Wastewater collection system field services supervisor; and
- (5) Similar classifications that have a different classification title but perform substantially similar work as workers in paragraphs (1) through (4).

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by two county agencies and one private organization. Testimony in

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opposition of this measure was submitted by one private organization. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that it is fair and appropriate to include similarly ranked employees that perform substantially similar duties with similar benefits under the Employees' Retirement System. Your Committee also finds that the introduction of new classifications within the wastewater collection system maintenance function has created a potential inequity among sewer workers in the matter of the twenty-five year retirement benefit under the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and accuracy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2919, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2919, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Fifth Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes Committee on Labor LBR

Bill / Resolution No.:* Committee Referral: Date:				
HB2919 HD1 LBR. WAM 3-09-10				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	V			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)				
BUNDA, Robert				
HEE, Clayton				
SLOM, Sam				
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TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation:  Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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