

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2769

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2859
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2859 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the minimum balance amount required to be retained in the public utilities commission special fund at the end of each fiscal year from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission, Blue Planet Foundation, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that all moneys in excess of \$1,000,000 remaining on balance in the public utilities commission special fund lapse to the general fund on June 30 of each year. This requirement was established over twenty years ago, and the complexity and size of the Commission's workload has since drastically increased. Your Committee further finds that, because of new statutory mandates, evolving technology, new utility business models, and other important Commission matters, this amount has become insufficient to meet the Commission's current financial obligations.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the:

- (1) Proposed minimum balance amount to be retained in the public utilities commission special fund from \$3,000,000 to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 2859, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2859, S.D. 1.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2859	Committee Referral: CPH, WAM	Date: 3/1/16		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" 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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <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 style="text-align: center;"> Goldenrod Committee File Copy </div> </div>				

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