STAND. COM. REP. NO. 22

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 0 5 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 670 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 670 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 authorize the forfeiture of certain Employees' Retirement System benefits, pursuant to court order, for state or county employees and designated beneficiaries who are convicted of an employment-related felony.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Common Cause Hawaii, Indivisible Hawaii, and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee finds that public officers and employees are responsible for upholding the public's trust in government and democracy. The public's belief in government and democracy become strained when public officers and employees participate in misconduct in their employment, while maintaining the benefits of their employment. This measure will demonstrate that the State takes the ethics of its employees seriously.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 670, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 670, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Labor & Tourism,

RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: HB670 Committee Referral: AT, JHA, FIN Date: D2-02-21 O2-02-21					
$\theta$ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: $\theta$ Pass, unamended (as is) $\theta$ Pass, with amendments (HD) $\theta$ Hold $\theta$ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
LAT Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (C)		V			
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2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)		V			
3. BELATTI, Della Au					
4. HOLT, Daniel		<u>atti shi shi shi shi shi shi shi shi shi sh</u>		man da anna an	
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5. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.				a ka kati jili da ka da kati i	te y lokaan talinaa laan sataasiaan ay
6. QUINLAN, Sean		$\sim$			
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		$\vee$			
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8. OKIMOTO, Val		V			
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TOTAL (8)		8			
	Adopted nt referral,	θ Not Adopted did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Jahn Supm					
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