

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **397**

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 18 , 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 670, 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 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 and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Trustees of 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 becomes 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.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 670, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



