

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 316

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2025

RE: S.B. No. 711  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 711 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require persons appointed to serve in the executive branch to obtain the advice and consent of the Senate if that person's salary is greater than or equal to:
  - (A) The Governor's salary, if the person is appointed to serve in the Office of the Governor; or
  - (B) The salary of the head of the principal department in which the person will serve; and
- (2) Require the Governor to transmit Governor's Messages to the Senate President containing nominations for each gubernatorial appointee who was appointed to their position before the effective date of this measure and whose salary is greater than or equal to:
  - (A) The Governor's salary, if the person is appointed to the Office of the Governor; or



- (B) The salary of the head of the principal department in which the person will serve.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from the Office of the Governor.

Your Committee finds that some gubernatorial appointees to the Office of the Governor or a state agency have salaries greater than that of the Governor or the head of the principal department in which the appointee will serve. This measure will ensure the transparency and accountability of the State's Executive Branch by requiring these appointments to be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting the applicability of the Senate's advice and consent requirement to appointments of advisors in the executive branch whose annual salary is greater than \$200,000 and not paid from the Governor's budget;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2491, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 711, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 711, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Government  
Operations,



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB711</b>	Committee Referral: <b>GVO, JDC</b>	Date: <b>2.4.25</b>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
FEVELLA, Kurt				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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