

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 785

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 1, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1573

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1573 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to fund:

- (1) All collective bargaining salary increases and cost items in the agreement negotiated with the exclusive bargaining representatives of collective bargaining units (2), (3), (4), (6), (8), (9), and (13); and
- (2) The salary increases and other cost adjustments authorized by Chapter 89C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for state officers and employees who are excluded from collective bargaining.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA) and HGEA Managerial and Confidential Employees Chapter testified in support of this bill. The Office of Collective Bargaining supported the intent of this measure.

Although no sums have been appropriated or authorized from the sources of funding indicated in this measure, your Committee believes that a vehicle for funding these collective bargaining cost items, including salary increases and other cost adjustments, should continue to advance in the Legislature as negotiations

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between the State and the exclusive bargaining representatives for units (2), (3), (4), (6), (8), (9), and (13) will eventually produce a settlement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1573 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



