

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2753

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2753 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to fund:

- (1) All collective bargaining cost items in the agreement negotiated with the exclusive bargaining representative of collective bargaining unit (5); 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 State Teachers Association (HSTA) and several teachers testified in support of this bill. The Department of Education (DOE) opposed this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) and Office of Collective Bargaining (OCB) commented on this bill.

Though Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007 (Act 132), appropriated \$43.9 million for fiscal year 2008 and \$75.5 million for fiscal year 2009 for collective bargaining cost items for bargaining unit (5), HSTA stated that additional funding is



necessary to pay for an annual incremental step movement negotiated in their contract with the State.

While your Committee understands that DOE, B&F, and OCB all noted that it is their belief that all negotiated cost items were already addressed by Act 132, your Committee finds that this measure should proceed for further discussion.

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 affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2753 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Public  
Employment,

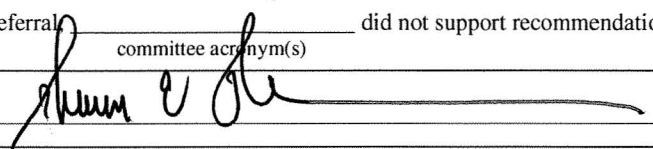


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ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2753</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LAB, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/8/08</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)	✓			
2. NAKASONE, Bob (VC)				X
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				X
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose		X		
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos		X		
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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