

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 81

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 852

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 852 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow all elective officers who attain the age of 65 to retire and receive a service retirement allowance while continuing to fill their elective position.

The Chair of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu; Chair of the Kauai County Council; several members of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii County Council, and Maui County Council; Hawaii State Teachers Association; and an individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance did not support this measure. The Employees' Retirement System submitted comments.

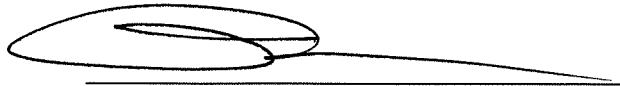
Currently, only members of the Legislature are eligible to retire and receive a pension while continuing to fill elective office if they reach the age of 65. Your Committee believes in parity for all elected officials and that granting this benefit to all elected officials promotes fairness.

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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. 852 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



