

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3653

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1889
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand workers' compensation medical benefits for firefighters to include coverage for breast cancer and cancer of the female reproductive organs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Disability and Communication Access Board, State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, ILWU Local 142, Chamber of Sustainable Commerce, and one individual.

Your Committees find that over the last decade, the fire profession has experienced an increase in firefighter deaths related to cancer, with female firefighters developing a wide variety of cancers and at an earlier age than most women. Your Committees further find that there are approximately forty female firefighters out of a total of nearly two thousand one hundred active firefighters in the State. Although this is not a high percentage of the total, your Committees believe that female firefighters deserve to be covered due to anatomical differences.



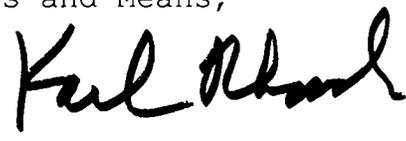
This measure will provide female firefighters and their family with the financial and moral support they require if affected by certain cancers.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Judiciary and
Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1889 HD1 SD1	LBT/PSM, JDC/WAM	3/28/2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo				X
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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