

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

473

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 827
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 827
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand workers'
compensation coverage to include firefighters who develop cancer
or diseases in the discharge of their firefighting duties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii Fire
Fighters Association; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that firefighters have a 9 percent
greater chance of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14 percent
greater chance of dying from cancer than the general United States
population. Your Committee also finds that firefighters are
constantly inhaling and ingesting carcinogens from fire combustion
which put them at high risk for developing diseases later in life.
Your Committee believes that this measure ensures support for
firefighters by providing workers' compensation benefits to those
who develop cancer or diseases resulting from firefighting duties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

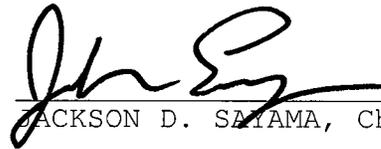
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- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 827, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 827, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JACKSON D. SNYAMA, Chair



