

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2025RE: S.B. No. 716
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor and Technology, to which was referred
S.B. No. 716 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve the
State's unemployment insurance system through deregulation,
modernization, and streamlining of the registration and
notification requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

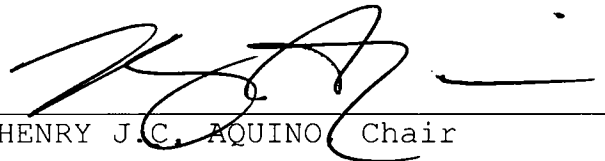
Your Committee finds that the unemployment insurance system
is a critical resource for supporting individuals who have lost
employment income. However, the current system requires
modernization to improve services, increase accessibility, and
strengthen its legal and operational framework. Your Committee
finds that this measure will streamline the work registration
process, update electronic communication processes, and allow
claimants to change their tax withholdings multiple times. These
changes will modernize the system and increase flexibility and
accessibility for claimants in need of financial support during
the period they have no or limited work income.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 716, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 716, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary.

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



HENRY J. C. AQUINO Chair



Record of Votes
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