

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3588

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2722
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address unemployment insurance benefits.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Creates a temporary program, in counties with a population of less than 200,000, to provide additional benefits to unemployed individuals by extending their unemployment insurance benefits under certain conditions, including enrollment by the unemployed individual in an approved training or retraining course; and
- (2) Appropriates funds to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to implement the measure.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, the Hawaii State AFL-CIO, ILWU Local 142, and one individual.



Your Committee finds that assisting dislocated workers in certain counties who may have limited prospects for securing work will allow them additional time to find suitable gainful employment, thus benefitting the State. Your Committee further finds that workers who receive supplemental benefits under this measure must meet certain conditions, including enrolling in approved training or retraining courses.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations has estimated that providing supplemental benefits pursuant to this measure will cost approximately \$20,000,000 from 2017 through 2019 if the measure is limited to counties with a population of less than 200,000, with additional administrative costs of approximately \$650,000 in state general funds.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2722, HD1, SD1	Committee Referral: SD1, WAM	Date: 4/4/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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