

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

690

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 913
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 913, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR
FIREFIGHTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide expanded, employer-financed medical, disability indemnity, and death benefits to firefighters who develop cancer as a result of exposure to carcinogens in the line of duty.

Hawaii State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; Hawaii Fire Department of the County of Hawaii; Kauai Fire Department; Maui Fire Department; Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO; and one individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General, City and County of Honolulu Department of Human Resources, and State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, Employees' Retirement System, and Hawaii Medical Service Association provided comments.

Your Committee notes that the Department of the Attorney General has concerns regarding the title of this measure because

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this measure covers disability indemnification and death benefits in addition to medical coverage. However, your Committee finds that the issue addressed in this measure warrants further discussion between the affected parties.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 913, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 913, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

| Bill/Resolution No.: HB 913, HD1 | Committee Referral: HLT, LAB, FIN | Date: 02-14-17 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| LAB Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. HOLT, Daniel (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| 3. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett | ✓ | | | |
| 4. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. | ✓ | | | |
| 5. TAKUMI, Roy M. | ✓ | | | |
| 6. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. | ✓ | | | |
| 7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani | ✓ | | | |
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| TOTAL (7) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Daniel Holt</u> | | | | |
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