STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3532

Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 0 6 2018

RE:

H.B. No. 1778

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve firefighters' access to comprehensive medical coverage while addressing medical coverage for specific organs affected by diseases arising out of, and in the course of, their employment.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Fire Council; County of Hawaii, Mayor's Office; Hawaii Fire Department; Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463; and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations submitted written comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure will help to ensure that firefighters receive proper medical treatment in a timely manner while reducing the emotional toil, financial burden, and impact of a decreased quality of life on firefighters diagnosed with cancer and their family members. 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. 1778, 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,

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ,

## The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:		E	Date:	
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		×			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		×			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		×			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		X	:		
HARIMOTO, Breene		_			X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i		X			-
KIDANI, Michelle N.		X			
RIVIERE, Gil		X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		X			72
WAKAI, Glenn		X			
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TOTAL		10			1
Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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