STAND. COM. REP. NO. 722

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 979 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 979 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to bring the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) into conformance with federal and state law as follows:

- (1) Amends the definition of "dependent-beneficiary" under the EUTF to conform with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; and
- (2) Amends references to marriages under the EUTF to conform with the state Civil Unions Law.

The EUTF testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate 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. 979, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 979, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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 THIRTIETH Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	15/19	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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3. ICHIYAMA, Linda				
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4. KITAGAWA, Lisa				
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
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6. QUINLAN, Sean				
7. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	V			
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
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TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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