STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2859**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2493

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2493 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the definition "employee beneficiary" to retain beneficiary status for unmarried adult children incapable of self-support after the death of a retired member.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee finds that there is no survivor benefit coverage in the health benefits plan or long-term care for the disabled adult child of an employee who has dedicated their life to public service. Therefore, under current law, disabled adult children lose their health benefits upon the death of the retired member. Your Committee further finds that currently there are 403 such dependents on the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund health plans incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical incapacity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2493, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2493, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts,

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts LCA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
SB 2493	LCA, WAM		M	2/04/2020	
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 (WF	R) Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)		/			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)		/			
CHANG, Stanley	-				
GABBARD, Mike					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
		 			
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TOTAL		5	0		
Recommendation:					
Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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