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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 392-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§392-25 Eligibility for benefits. (a) An individual is
- 4 eliqible to receive temporary disability benefits if the
- 5 individual has been in employment for at least fourteen weeks
- 6 during each of which the individual has received remuneration in
- 7 any form for twenty or more hours and earned wages of at least
- 8 \$400, during the fifty-two weeks immediately preceding the first
- 9 day of disability.
- 10 (b) Eliqibility determinations shall be made without
- 11 regard to sick leave credits. The amount of used and unused
- 12 sick leave credits accrued by an individual prior to the
- 13 disability shall not be a basis to deny temporary disability
- 14 benefits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an employer or
- 15 temporary disability benefits plan may require sick leave
- 16 payments to be exhausted before disbursement of temporary

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- 1 disability benefits; provided that such requirement shall be
- 2 disclosed in writing."
- 3 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 5 begun before its effective date.
- 6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

S.B. NO. 2197

Report Title:

Temporary Disability Benefits; Eligibility; Sick Leave

Description:

Prohibits the denial of temporary disability benefits based on the amount of sick leave credits accrued prior to disability.

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