Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 828 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 828, 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 expand workers' compensation benefits for firefighters to include coverage for additional cancers and diseases unless the employer proves that the cancer or disease was not associated with firefighting duties.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Your Committee finds this measure will help to ensure that firefighters receive timely and appropriate medical treatment for adenocarcinoma or mesothelioma of the respiratory system, various cancers, and malignant melanoma unless the employer proves that the cancer or disease was not associated with firefighting duties.

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 S.B. No. 828, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: 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)		×			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)		×			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		×			
DECOITE, Lynn		X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.		×			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.		×			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		×			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		X			
KIM, Donna Mercado		X			
LEE, Chris		×			
WAKAI, Glenn		×			
FEVELLA, Kurt		X			
TOTAL		13	0	O	0
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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