

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 19, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1268
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1268 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to facilitate Hawaii workers' compensation law by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to determine if the positions of state employees receiving workers' compensation benefits should remain vacant for one year or longer;
- (2) Providing for the filling and funding of temporary vacant positions to fill the State employee's position while the employee is incapacitated; and
- (3) Establishing the Workers' Compensation Temporary Vacancy Special Fund.

The Department of Budget and Finance and the Department of Human Resources Development commented on this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations testified in opposition.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by replacing its contents with provisions that help coordinate the efficient use of public employer return to work programs in accordance with the workers' compensation law by requiring eligible injured public employees to take part in an employer's return to work program as a prerequisite to vocational rehabilitation benefits.

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. 1268, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1268, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1268	Committee Referral: LAB, FIN	Date: 2/17/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
7. LOPRESTI, Matthew S.	/			
8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	/			
TOTAL (12)	12			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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