

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1268
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1268, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require eligible, injured public employees to participate in the public employer's return to work program in order to receive vocational rehabilitation services under the workers' compensation law.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Department of Human Resources Development, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, City and County of Honolulu Department of Human Resources, County of Hawaii Department of Human Resources, and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Your Committee finds that this measure:

- (1) Recognizes one of the central tenets of workers' compensation claims handling, which is to return injured employees to work as soon as possible in a cost-effective manner;
- (2) Supports and codifies the State's existing policy and practice of returning injured employees to work through



the Department of Human Resources Development's Return to Work Priority Program;

- (3) Clarifies the relationship of the Return to Work Priority Program to the overall vocational rehabilitation obligations of the State; and
- (4) Assists the State in controlling its workers' compensation costs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1268, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1268, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB1268 HD2SD1	JDL, WAM	4/2/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene				✓
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	9	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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