

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2306**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2660

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Labor and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2660 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL COVERAGE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) In the event of a controverted workers' compensation claim, require an injured employee's private health care plan to pay for or provide medical care, services, and supplies; provided that when the claim is accepted, the employer shall reimburse the private health care plan and injured employee; and
- (2) In the event of an accepted workers' compensation claim for leukemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, or certain cancers by a firefighter with five or more years of service, require an employer to be liable for one hundred thirty-seven percent of medical care, services, and supplies.

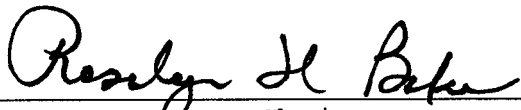
Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Insurers Council, Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, and five individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.



Your Committees find that firefighters are exposed to multiple carcinogens and toxicants that are known or suspected to cause cancer through incident exposure as residential and vehicle fires release highly concentrated toxicants from plastics and synthetics. This exposure places firefighters at significantly higher risks than the general population of getting testicular cancer, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, skin cancer, brain and malignant melanoma, rectal cancer, prostate cancer, buccal cavity and pharynx cancer, stomach cancer, colon cancer, and leukemia. Your Committees believe that providing sufficient medical coverage for firefighters recognizes the inherent occupational hazards that come with the job, ensures that firefighters receive proper medical treatment in a timely manner, and lessens the impact of emotional toil, financial burdens, and decreased quality of life on the families of firefighters diagnosed with cancer.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2660 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Labor and
Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Labor
LBR

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2660</i>	Committee Referral: <i>LBR/CPH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/8/18</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>J. Kalani English</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

