

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 1, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1778
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide firefighters with improved access to comprehensive medical coverage for certain diseases arising out of and in the course of their employment when a firefighter's workers' compensation claim is accepted or determined to be compensable.

Specifically, this measure:

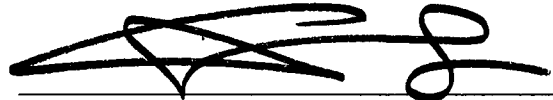
- (1) Requires the firefighter's private health care plan to pay for or provide medical care, services, and supplies for controverted claims, subject to reimbursement by the firefighter's employer if the claim is later accepted or determined to be compensable; and
- (2) Increases a firefighter's employer's liability for medical costs for certain cancers including those that affect specified organs.



The Hawaii State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Hawaii Fire Department, Kaua'i Fire Department, and Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO supported this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Mayor for the County of Hawaii, and Hawaii Insurers Council offered comments for this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,

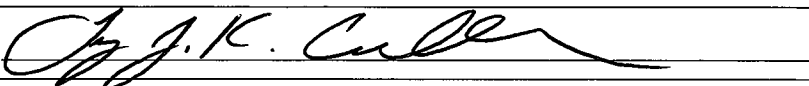
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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



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The Twenty-ninth Legislature **HSCR 828-18**

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1778, HD1	Committee Referral: LAB, CPC, FIN	Date: 2-21-2018		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	✓			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	✓			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. FUKUMOTO, Beth	✓			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
7. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
8. KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett				✓
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
11. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
12. TODD, Chris	✓			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
14. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				✓
15. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (15)	13	Ø	Ø	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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