

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 874 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2558
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2558 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage employees who have suffered work-related injuries to return to work by allowing an employee who has been deemed unable to return to the employee's original position due to a work injury to be referred by the Director of Labor and Public Employment for vocational rehabilitation services.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, ILWU Local 142, Vocational Management Consultants, Inc., and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Employers' Mutual Insurance Company, Inc., supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of Human Resources Development opposed this bill.

Your Committee finds that the law as applied refers employees to vocational rehabilitation services when they are unable to return to their position due to a work injury.

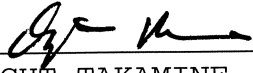
Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

HB2558 HD1 HSCR FIN HMS 2006-2548



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. 2558, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2558, H.D. 1.

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



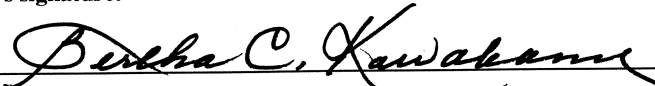
DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">HB 2558</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 18pt; font-weight: bold;">2.24.06</div>			
Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">LAB, FIN</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit </div> </div>				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
2. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C. (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele				✓
4. CHONG, Pono	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
7. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				✓
10. TANAKA, Kameo	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.				✓
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MEYER, Colleen Rose				✓
16. MOSES, Mark S.				✓
17. PINE, Kymberly				✓
18. STEVENS, Anne V.				✓
TOTAL	10			8
The recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div> </div> </div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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