

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1390  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1390, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide prompt medical treatment for injured workers by increasing fees in the workers' compensation fee schedule by which charges for medical services, care, and supplies are determined, by an unspecified percentage, starting on January 1, 2010.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, ILWU Local 142, Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The City & County of Honolulu's Department of Human Resources, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, Hawaii Insurers Council, American Insurance Association, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, LTD., and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., opposed this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Department of Human Resources Development submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

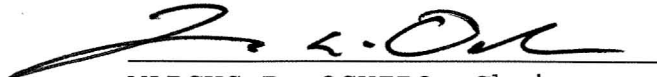
- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1390, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1390, H.D. 2.

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

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



