

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

449

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1568
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 1568,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the law relating to
unemployment insurance to allow the following to receive
unemployment benefits:

- (1) An individual for whom a majority of the weeks of work
in the individual's base period includes part-time work
and who is seeking only part-time work; and
- (2) An individual who is separated from employment for a
compelling family reason.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one
state agency and two organizations. Written testimony presented
to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that during this time of economic
hardship, many people are limited in their employment options and
sometimes need to accept offers of part-time employment that allow
them to earn income and collect unemployment benefits while also
meeting other needs. Under existing law, individuals seeking only
part-time employment may be ineligible to receive unemployment
benefits under requirements for availability for work, active
search for work, or refusal to accept work.




Your Committee further finds that this measure allows for more flexibility in the unemployment insurance system and codifies current practices of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in accordance with the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1568, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1568, S.D. 2, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

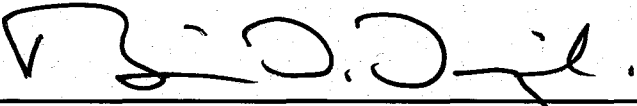


DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1508 SB1	Committee Referral: LBR	Date: 2-17-09		
<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
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert	✓			
HEE, Clayton	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes