

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 3, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 1913
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1913 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist domestic violence victims by making the fear of domestic or sexual violence a good cause for not accepting otherwise suitable, available work while the individual receives unemployment benefits.

The Domestic Violence Action Center and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

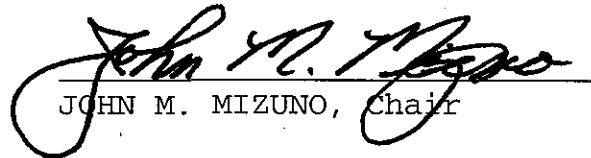
- (1) Providing that DLIR may consult documentation already provided by domestic violence victims for unemployment benefits to confirm the good cause exemption allowed by this bill;
- (2) Explicitly providing that DLIR may determine, at reasonable intervals, if the victim continues to qualify for the good cause exemption; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1913, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1913, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



