

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1067

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 782
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Labor & Public Employment and Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 782, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the economic effects of domestic or sexual violence on employers and employees by providing unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who are separated from their employment as a result of domestic or sexual violence.

The Domestic Violence Action Center and Sex Abuse Treatment Center testified in support of this bill. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) supported the intent of this measure. The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supported this bill with amendments.

Victims of domestic violence are often at greater risk of losing their employment. Often, domestic abusers, as a means of maintaining control over their victim, target their victim's places of employment and their ability to remain financially self-sufficient. By allowing victims of domestic or sexual violence to be eligible for unemployment benefits if they are forced to leave their jobs due to the effects of their victimization, they will retain the means to be financially secure. Your Committees find

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that this will strengthen the safety and security of victims of domestic or sexual violence.

Your Committees have amended this bill by changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Public Employment and Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 782, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 782, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Labor & Public Employment and Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 782 SD 1	Committee Referral: LAB/EBM, JUD, FIN	Date: 3-17-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
6. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
7. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
8. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
9. SAIKI, Scott K.				/
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.				/
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				/
12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				/
TOTAL (12)	8	-	-	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 782, SD1	Committee Referral: LAB/EBM, JUD, FIN	Date: March 17, 2009		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
6. TAKAI, K. Mark				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
10. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
11. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (11)	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Isaac W. Choy</i>				
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