

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 837  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 837, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow good cause to be found for an individual voluntarily leaving part-time employment where eligibility for partial unemployment has been established and any of the following conditions contributed to the voluntary leaving:

- (1) Loss of full-time work with a regular employer made it economically unfeasible to continue part-time employment;
- (2) The part-time employment was outside of the individual's customary occupation and would not have been considered suitable work at the time of accepting part-time employment;
- (3) The employer failed to provide sufficient advance notice of a work schedule change;
- (4) There was a work schedule conflict with the regular full-time employer; or



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- (5) Any other factor relevant to a determination of good cause.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and ILWU Local 142 testified in support of this bill. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii testified in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments, 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. 837, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 837, H.D. 2.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



