STAND, COM, REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii **Converse**, 2013 RE: H.B. No. 922 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 922 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL BENEFITS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

HB922 HD1 HSCR LAB HMS 2013-1742

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to make a decision, without a hearing, on disputes regarding treatment plans and continued medical services.

Work Injury Medical Association of Hawaii supported this measure. The ILWU Local 142 supported this measure with amendments. Property Casualty Insurers Association of America and The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Requiring the consent of both parties if the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations makes a decision without a hearing regarding a proposed treatment plan or whether medical services should be continued; and
- (2) Adding a sunset date of June 30, 2015.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 922, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 922, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment,

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ARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair





Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 922	Committee Referral:	Date:	2/1/:	2013
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: □ Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) □ Hold □ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)				
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	X			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	X			
5. ING, Kaniela				
6. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.				X
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	Х			
9. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	X			
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TOTAL (9)	8	0	\bigcirc	
The recommendation is: Adopted In Not Adopted Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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