

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1244

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2013

RE: H.B. No. 925

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 925 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY APPEALS REFEREE'S OFFICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to streamline the unemployment insurance appeals process.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Reduces the period for mailing notice of the initial hearing date for unemployment insurance appeals; and
- (2) Provides a claimant or party to an appeal with the option to receive notices and appeal documents from the Employment Security Appeals Referee's Office electronically in lieu of mail.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee finds that section 91-9.5(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires written notice of a hearing to be provided by mail at least fifteen days prior to the hearing date, unless otherwise provided by law. This measure shortens the notice period for unemployment insurance appeals by requiring the notice to be mailed at least twelve days prior to the initial hearing date, allowing the parties to receive an earlier hearing and

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appeal decision. In addition, this measure will streamline and expedite the delivery of appeal notices and documents through quicker and cost-effective electronic means.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 925, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 925	JDL, WAM	3-27-13		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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