Honolulu, Hawaii

April 29

, 2016

RE:

H.B. No. 2722

H.D. 1 S.D. 1 C.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

## Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to address unemployment insurance benefits.

More specifically, this measure:

(1) Creates a temporary program, in counties with a population of less than 200,000, to provide additional benefits to unemployed individuals by extending their unemployment insurance benefits under certain conditions, including enrollment by the unemployed individual in an approved training or retraining course; and

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(2) Appropriates funds to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to implement the measure.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the program is limited to Maui County;
- (2) Adding a definition for "base period";
- (3) Clarifying that the benefit year for the most recent initial claim filed by an individual begins on or after March 1, 2015;
- (4) Clarifying the requirements for an individual to be eligible to receive a payment of state additional benefits with respect to a week of unemployment in accordance with this measure;
- (5) Clarifying that state additional benefits paid to an individual be consistent with employment security law concerning charges and noncharges for benefits;
- (6) Changing the appropriation amount from an unspecified amount to \$650,000;
- (7) Changing the effective date from July 1, 2050 to upon its approval;
- (8) Changing the repeal date from an unspecified date to October 28, 2017; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

GILBERT S.C. KEITH-ACT Chair

NAKASHIMA, Co-Chair

JILL N. Co-Chair

JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Co-Chair

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## Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

CCR 162-16

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: HB 2722, HD 1, SD 1					Date/Time: 4/29/16	2:20p,m.			
The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
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KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Chr.	X				NAKASHIMA, Mark M., Co-Chr.	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N., Co-Chr.	X				KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett, Co-Chr.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X				YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			'
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