

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3667

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2016

RE: H.C.R. No. 32  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 32, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE CANCER IN THE FIREFIGHTING PROFESSION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the convening of a task force to examine cancer in the firefighting profession.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Hawaii State Fire Council, Maui Fire Department, and four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committees find that University of Cincinnati environmental health researchers have determined that firefighters are significantly more likely to develop various types of cancer than workers in other fields. A firefighter's cancer diagnosis can have an enormous impact on a spouse, children, and other family members, including a heavy emotional toll, financial costs, and a decreased quality of life. Your Committees further find that thirty-four states and nine Canadian provinces have enacted cancer presumptive statutes, which create a presumption that



certain types of cancer diagnosed among firefighters result from their employment as firefighters.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the Fire Chief from each county, or the Chief's designee, to the task force; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 32, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 32, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection, and Health  
and Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*   | Committee Referral:   | Date:                                 |                     |         |
| HR 32, HD1  | CPH/PSM   | 4-18-16                               |                     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ |   |                                       |                     |         |
| The Recommendation is:  |   |                                       |                     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended<br>2312  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments<br>2311 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br>2310 |                     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br>2313   |   |                                       |                     |         |
| Members   | Aye   | Aye (WR)                              | Nay                 | Excused |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)   | /   |                                       |                     |         |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)  | /   |                                       |                     |         |
| ESPERO, Will  | /   |                                       |                     |         |
| IHARA, Jr., Les   | /   |                                       |                     |         |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K.  | /   |                                       |                     |         |
| RUDERMAN, Russell E.  |   |                                       |                     | /       |
| SLOM, Sam   |   |                                       |                     | /       |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>  | 5   |                                       |                     | 2       |
| 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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