

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3403

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2016

RE: S.R. No. 6
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.R. No. 6, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE
TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF A CANCER PRESUMPTIVE STATUTE RELATING
TO FIREFIGHTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
formation of a task force to study the issue of a cancer
presumptive statute relating to firefighters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; and
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Health, Employees' Retirement System, Department of Human
Resources of the City and County of Honolulu, and University of
Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds 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 Committee further finds
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 Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 6, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 6, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 6 SDI	Committee Referral: CPH/PSM, JDL	Date: 4/4/16		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes