

HCR32 HD1

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE
CANCER IN THE FIREFIGHTING PROFESSION.

Report Title: Firefighters; Cancer; Task Force

Description:

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Package: None

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April 14, 2016

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
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The State Senate
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The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 204
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Dear Chairs Baker and Nishihara:

Subject: House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 32, House Draft (HD) 1 Requesting
the Convening of a Task Force to Examine Cancer in the Firefighting
Profession

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD strongly support HCR 32, HD 1, which proposes to form a Firefighter Cancer Presumptive Task Force to develop recommendations for enactment of a cancer presumptive statute relating specifically to fire fighters. We respectfully suggest that the Fire Chiefs or their designee from each county be added to the task force.

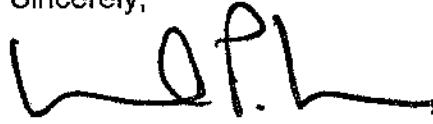
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The SFC and the HFD strongly urge your committees' passage of HCR 3, HD 1.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
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APRIL 18, 2016

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Testimony by
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463

**HCR 32 HD1 REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE CANCER
IN THE FIREFIGHTING PROFESSION**

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. The HFFA represents approximately 2,100 active-duty professional fire fighters throughout the State. We **SUPPORT** HCR 32 HD1, as it relates to the convening of a task force to examine cancer in the firefighting profession.

Thirty-three states and eight Canadian provinces already have cancer presumptive laws that provide fire fighters with medical and service-connected disability benefits. Several studies, as recommended by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), serve as the basis that demonstrates the growing need for cancer presumptive legislation locally. In addition, despite our fire departments' efforts in improving procedures for cleaning the protective clothing and breathing apparatus, fire fighters are still exposed to carcinogens and toxicants while performing their duties as a study administered in 2014 entitled "Systemic Exposure to PAHs and Benzene in Firefighters Suppressing Controlled Structure Fires" have recently discovered. Such exposure to these carcinogens and toxicants during a fire fighter's career may not result in immediate manifestation of symptoms or cancer diagnosis but instead, years after retirement.

HCR 32 HD1 requests the convening of a task force that will examine the issues and make recommendations based on their findings relating to cancer in the firefighting profession. With the ever-increasing number in statistics through research conducted by legitimate, prominent organizations and researchers relating to the risk of cancer as well as infectious diseases and illnesses associated with exposure to patient care and biochemical substances for fire fighters in comparison to the general population, it is important that discussion begins.

HFFA appreciates the Committees' favorable consideration of this measure and ask that you pass HCR 32 HD1.



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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Monday, April 18, 2016 at 10:15 a.m.

By

Robert Bley-Vroman, Chancellor

And

Jerris Hedges, MD, MS, MMM

Dean, John A. Burns School of Medicine
Interim Director, University of Hawai'i Cancer Center
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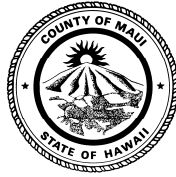
Chairs Baker and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Kidani and Espero, and Members of the
Committees:

The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center provides the following comments regarding this
resolution.

The UH Cancer Center's mission is to reduce the burden of cancer through research, education, and patient care with an emphasis on the unique ethnic, cultural, and environmental characteristics of Hawai'i and the Pacific. The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides cancer researchers in Hawai'i with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities, and gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to many innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

Our perspective on health-related legislative matters is informed by scientific literature, including research conducted by our own faculty. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the proposed task force.

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Dear Chairs Baker and Nishihara:

Subject: House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 32, House Draft (HD) 1
Requesting the Convening of a Task Force to Examine Cancer in the
Firefighting Profession

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC and the MFD strongly support HCR 32, HD 1, which proposes to form a Firefighter Cancer Presumptive Task Force to develop recommendations for enactment of a cancer presumptive statute relating specifically to fire fighters. We respectfully suggest that the Fire Chiefs or their designee from each county be added to the task force.

We believe it is imperative that each county fire department is represented through the SFC, as the health and safety of fire personnel are high priorities for each fire department. Other task force participants will contribute to a better understanding of the various challenges related to this important issue.

The SFC and the MFD strongly urge your committees' passage of HCR 3, HD 1.

Should you have questions please contact me at (808) 270-7561 or fire.dept@mauicounty.gov.

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Murray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

JEFFREY A. MURRAY, Chief
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April 16, 2016

Representative McKelvey, Chair of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee
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RE: Lynnette McKay (GM773)

To Representative McKelvey and other members of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee,

I am writing this testimony in support of Ms. Lynnette F. McKay's reappointment for the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. Ms. McKay was an instructor of mine at HCC Cosmetology Department during the years 2005 to 2007 and provided exemplary guidance in the art of Cosmetology. Her work experience and technical skills provides students with a great demonstration on cosmetology and the skill set needed to succeed in the work force.

Ms. McKay's general knowledge and extensive work history qualifies her as the ideal candidate for the board. Her dedication to the profession will ensure the highest quality of consumer satisfaction while maintaining professional integrity.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,
Todd Iwasaki

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