

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 913

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 913
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR
FIREFIGHTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide expanded, employer-
financed medical, disability indemnity, and death benefits to
firefighters who develop cancer as a result of exposure to
carcinogens in the line of duty.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department,
Kauai Fire Department, and Hawaii Fire Fighters Association. The
Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, Department of
Labor and Industrial Relations, Employees' Retirement System,
Department of Human Resources of the City and County of Honolulu,
and Hawaii Medical Service Association submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2090, to
encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 913, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 913, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,

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