

Honolulu, Hawaii

January 31, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1647
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1647 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide the Legislature and other policy makers a deeper understanding of the causes and sources of underemployment, poverty wages, and their economic impacts on society, business, and the state budget by requiring:

- (1) The Department of Human Services (DHS) to compile data regarding employers with employees who receive public assistance and to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the fifty employers with the highest number of employees receiving public assistance statewide; and
- (2) The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to assist DHS by sharing employment data.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Human Services offered comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1647, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1647, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Health & Human Services.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



