

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1778  
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL  
BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide firefighters with  
improved access to comprehensive medical coverage for certain  
diseases arising out of and in the course of their employment when  
the workers' compensation claim is accepted or determined to be  
compensable.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires private health care plans to pay for or provide  
medical care, services, and supplies to injured  
employees for controverted claims, subject to  
reimbursement by the employer of the employee for whom  
the claim is accepted or determined to be compensable;  
and
- (2) Increases an employer's liability for medical costs for  
certain diseases, including diseases of certain organs.



The Hawaii State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; Hawaii Fire Department; Hawaii State Fire Council; Mayor of the County of Hawaii; Hawaii Insurers Council; Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO supported this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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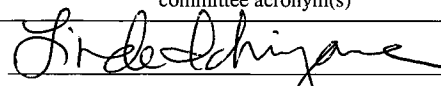
ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
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The Twenty-ninth Legislature

**HSR 338-18**

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 1778, HD 1	<b>Committee Referral:</b> LAB, CPC, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/7/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>CPC Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				✓
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
11. McDERMOTT, Bob				✓
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	8	0	0	3
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> 				
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