

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2375
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. 2375 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEMPORARY DISABILITY
INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Temporary Disability Insurance law to:

- (1) Permit an advanced practice registered nurse to certify an employee's disability;
- (2) Allow for greater flexibility in hearing procedures, including electronic filing of notice of appeals and service of notice of hearings, and selecting the hearing location; and
- (3) Increase the penalty when an employer fails to provide timely information to an insurer on a claim.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, and a few concerned individuals supported this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate 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. 2375, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2375, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



