

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2375, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit an advanced practice registered nurse to certify an employee's disability;
- (2) Allow for greater flexibility in hearing procedures, including authorizing filing of notice of appeals in a location other than the county in which the claimant was last employed, providing for electronic service of notice of hearings, allowing for hearings in any county, and providing for parties' participation in hearings through telecommunications technologies; 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, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, and two individuals supported this



measure. International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142 provided comments on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2375, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



