

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

322

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 979

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 979 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to bring the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) into conformance with federal and state law as follows:

- (1) Amends the definition of "dependent-beneficiary" under the EUTF to conform with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; and
- (2) Amends references to marriages under the EUTF to conform with the state Civil Unions Law.

The EUTF testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and

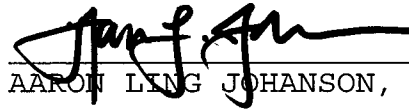
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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 979, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 979, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



