STAND. COM. REP. NO. 407

Honolulu, Hawaii **FEB 18**, 2021 RE: H.B. No. 931 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 931 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the Employees' Retirement System's eligibility requirement definitions for service-connected disability retirement and accidental death benefits.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee finds that in several cases, the Hawaii Supreme Court recently rendered rulings awarding Employees' Retirement System service-connected disability retirement or accidental death benefits beyond the Legislature's original intent. These rulings have increased the State's unfunded liability as a whole. Your Committee further finds that this measure will clarify those definitions and increase transparency in their application.



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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Incorporating the Employees' Retirement System's requested amendments, including amendments related to the accidental service-connected death benefit;
- (2) Changing the effective date to December 25, 2040, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 931, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 931, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Labor & Tourism,

RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, Chair



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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.:  - 393	Committee Referral: LAT, FIN		Date: 02-11-21	
$\theta$ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: $\theta$ Pass, unamended (as is) $\bullet$ Pass, with amendments (HD) $\theta$ Hold $\theta$ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (C)	V			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)	V			
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3. BELATTI, Della Au				
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7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
8. OKIMOTO, Val				
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The recommendation is: <ul> <li>Adopted</li> <li>If joint referral,</li> <li>committee acronym(s)</li> </ul> did not support recommendation.           Committee acronym(s)         Committee acronym(s)         Committee acronym(s)         Committee acronym(s)           Committee acronym(s)         Committee acro				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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