

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 16, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 696
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 696, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the wages of other employees in comparable employment to be considered when computing the average weekly wages of an injured public board member, reserve police officer, police chaplain, reserve public safety law enforcement officer, sheriffs' chaplain, volunteer firefighter, volunteer boating enforcement officer, or volunteer conservation and resources enforcement officer; and
- (2) Clarify the computation of average weekly wages of an injured volunteer firefighter for workers' compensation benefits purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

2023-2530 SB696 HD1 HSCR HMSO



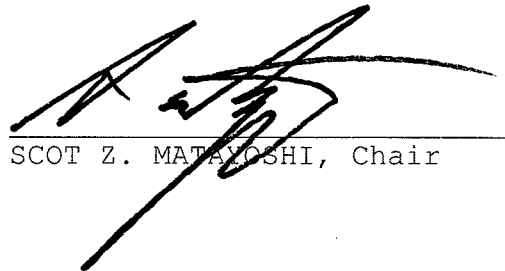
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Your Committee finds that this measure will provide greater flexibility in computing the average weekly wages of an individual serving in the above capacities when injured and afford the injured individual benefits that may be better aligned with the services performed.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 696, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 696, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

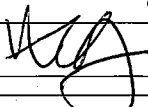
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Government
Operations,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Government Operations

Bill/Resolution No.: SB696, SDI	Committee Referral: LGO, CPC, FIN	Date: 3/14/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
LGO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (VC)	✓			
3. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
4. MARTINEZ, Rose	✓			
5. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
6. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
7. ALCOS III, David	✓			
TOTAL (7)	7			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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