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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 386-21.9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§386-21.9 Medical care, services, and supplies for**  
4 **firefighters suffering from cancer.** (a) If a claim for  
5 ~~[leukemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, or cancer of~~  
6 ~~the lung, brain, stomach, esophagus, intestines, rectum, kidney,~~  
7 ~~bladder, prostate, breast, female reproductive organs, or~~  
8 ~~testes]~~ any form of cancers or diseases covered under subsection  
9 (b) filed by an employee with five or more years of service as a  
10 firefighter is accepted or determined to be compensable, section  
11 386-21 shall remain applicable[~~+~~], unless the employer proves  
12 that the cancer or disease was not associated with the  
13 firefighting duties; provided that the employer shall be liable  
14 for medical care, services, and supplies for a minimum of one  
15 hundred ten per cent, and not to exceed one hundred fifty per  
16 cent of fees prescribed in the Medicare Resource Based Relative



1 Value Scale applicable to Hawaii as prepared by the United  
2 States Department of Health and Human Services.

3 (b) The following cancers or diseases shall be covered  
4 under this section:

5 (1) Adenocarcinoma or mesothelioma of the respiratory  
6 system;

7 (2) Cancer of the bladder, brain, breast, buccal cavity,  
8 colon, esophagus, intestines, kidney, lung, pharynx,  
9 prostate, rectum, female reproductive organs, stomach,  
10 testes, or thyroid;

11 (3) Leukemia;

12 (4) Malignant melanoma;

13 (5) Multiple myeloma; or

14 (6) Non-Hodgkin lymphoma."

15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Firefighters; Workers' Compensation Medical Benefits; Cancer

**Description:**

Expands workers' compensation medical benefits for firefighters to include coverage for adenocarcinoma or mesothelioma of the respiratory system; cancer of the buccal cavity, colon, pharynx, and thyroid; and malignant melanoma. Specifies that an employer may prove that the cancer or disease was not associated with the firefighting duties to deny medical benefits under workers' compensation law. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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