

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2646
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2646, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the delivery of
workers' compensation benefits to injured workers by requiring the
State and courts to recognize the validity of labor-management
agreements that meet certain specified requirements.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii testified in support of
this bill. The Department of Human Resources Development opposed
this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,
Office of Information Practices, ILWU Local 142, Hawaii Chapter,
American Physical Therapy Association, and Hawaii Employers'
Mutual Insurance Company offered comments.

Your Committees amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the derivative reports relating to
collective bargaining representatives, labor-management
agreements, and employees covered by these agreements
are subject to disclosure pursuant to chapter 92F,
Hawaii Revised Statutes;




- (2) Clarifying that the "records" rather than the "data" on which the reports are based, are confidential;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2096; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2646, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance, in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2646, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



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