

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2692

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Labor & Public Employment and Economic Development & Business Concerns, to which was referred H.B. No. 2692 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) to be responsible for ensuring compliance with the prevailing wage law when public work projects are not directly caused by a governmental contracting agency;
- (2) Require that the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds (SPRBs) be promptly reported to the DLIR to ensure that projects financed through SPRBs are considered public works projects to which state wage and hour laws apply; and
- (3) Clarify that a violation of the public works law refers to each project in which DLIR finds a failure to comply rather than to each investigation.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers supported this bill. The DLIR and Associated Builders and Contractors opposed this measure.



Your Committees are concerned that the effective date may not provide DLIR with enough time for these new policies to be put into place and therefore requests the Finance Committee to consider changing the date.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Public Employment and Economic Development & Business Concerns that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2692 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Labor & Public
Employment and Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,



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