

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb , 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2441

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2441 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide further protection for students by expanding workers' compensation coverage for students participating in school-approved, work-based learning programs sponsored by the Department of Education (DOE) or the University of Hawaii (UH) to include public employers.

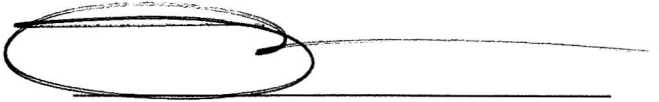
DOE testified in support of this bill. The American Insurance Association submitted comments on this measure.

Although students are performing duties as regular employees while participating in school-approved, work-based learning programs sponsored by DOE or UH for both public and private employers, your Committee notes that the State is only deemed to be the responsible employer for workers' compensation coverage, if the student is working for a private employer. As this is a beneficial relationship, one in which the student is furthering their education in their field of study and the employer is afforded an additional employee with little to no cost, it would be prudent for all students to be covered by workers' compensation while performing in the capacity of an employee during their work-based learning program.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2441 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,

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ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2441	Committee Referral: LAB, EDN, FIN	Date: 01/29/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)	Y			
2. NAKASONE, Bob (VC)				Y
3. EVANS, Cindy	Y			
4. HAR, Sharon E.		Y		
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	Y			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	Y			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.		X		
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	Y			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				X
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	Y			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	Y			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose			X	
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos		Y		
TOTAL (13)	7	3	1	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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