

Date of Hearing: February 8, 2008

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: H.B. 2441 (HSCR 173-08), Relating to workers' compensation

Purpose: To provide for workers' compensation coverage for students participating in school-approved work-based learning programs sponsored by the department of education or the University of Hawaii.

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports H.B. 2441 (HSCR 173-08). This bill expands Section 302A-430 Coverage for Workers' Compensation, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to provide workers' compensation coverage to students who undertake to perform work for public employers as well as private employers.



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To: The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Education

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Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

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**Testimony in Support  
of  
H.B. 2441 – Relating to Workers’ Compensation**

**I. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

House Bill 2441 proposes to provide workers’ compensation coverage to students participating in a school-approved work-based learning program sponsored by the Department of Education or the University of Hawaii who work for a public employer.

**II. CURRENT LAW**

Private employers are already required to provide workers’ compensation coverage to students in a school-approved work-based learning program sponsored by the Department of Education or the University of Hawaii the sc.

**III. HOUSE BILL**

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (“Department”) supports this bill as it would allow the students participating in school-approved work-based learning programs sponsored by the Department of Education or the University of Hawaii to be placed with public employers.

Further, it is good policy to ensure that students who work for public employers to have the same protections as those working for private employers.