

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2008

Committee: House Labor & Public Employment

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: H.B. 2441. 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. This bill expands Coverage for Workers' Compensation, §302A-430, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide workers' compensation coverage to students who undertake to perform work for public employers as well as private employers.

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H.B. 2441 Relating to Workers' Compensation  
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Dear Chair Sonson and Members of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment:

I am Anne Horiuchi, testifying on behalf of the American Insurance Association (AIA). AIA represents approximately 350 major insurance companies that provide all lines of property and casualty insurance and write more than \$123 billion annually in premiums. AIA members supply 23 percent of the property/casualty insurance sold in Hawaii. The association is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and has representatives in every state.

H.B. 2441 provides 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.

AIA is in the process of reviewing the various workers' compensation measures before the Legislature. At this time, AIA takes no position on H.B. 2441.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit testimony.