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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.

III. HOUSE BILL

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations 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.