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Representative Alex M. Sonson, Chair
Representative Bob Nakasone, Vice Chair
Committee Members on Labor and Public Employment
February 15, 2008 10:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room #309

LATE TESTIMONY

I am writing to ask you to support HCR42 and its companion HR42. This resolution stands to demonstrate how the State could benefit from the time and cost saving technology offered by the Native Hawaiian Owned business Claim Check. Based off of the Beta-Test findings, given just 33 claim files there was a return of income at a rate of 470%. In 2006, The State of Hawaii paid over \$242 million towards workman's comp claim costs. As a Native Hawaiian citizen I urge this committee to endorse this resolution.

The purpose of this resolution is to help create a vehicle by and which the State of Hawaii can implement a time and money savings tool. Returning able worker's back to their jobs, freeing up reserves back into the revenue stream and potentially indicating follow-up on fraudulent behavior. Bottom line, if you're injured get fair treatment, if you're not injured put a stop to potentially fraudulent behavior.

I think that this is a very important tool consequently aligning with the governor's State of the State address in utilizing new technologies that are Native Hawaiian Business developed. The time to waste is no more, having the DLIR commence a pilot project with Claim Check will benefit the community at large by assisting in saving time and saving money. Do it for our keiki of yesterday, our keiki today and give the keiki a brighter tomorrow!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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TO: Representative Alex M. Sonson, Chair
Representative Bob Nakasone, Vice Chair
Committee on Labor and Public Employment

RE: HCR42. (Requesting the Department of labor and industrial relations to conduct a pilot project to audit workers' compensation soft-tissue injury cases.)

Friday, February 15, 2008

10:00 AM – Conference Room 309, Hawaii State Capitol

3-page Testimony submitted by: George "Burton" Furtado
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Procurement Director for Claim Check
Subcontractor for Claim Check

I am testifying in support of HCR42.

As a U.S. citizen and a Native Hawaiian and a voter in the State of Hawaii, I am bringing to the committee's attention my reasons for supporting this resolution:

- **Returning employees to work:** In 2006 over 1,000,000 days of loss were reported in Hawaii due to workmen's' compensation claims. By employing the Claim Check Profile, the Maximum Medical Improvement of employees out of service due to soft-tissue injury would be reduced. Many of our skilled employees would then be listed on a "return to work" status and result in a trained work force returning to work. This would mean a full complement of employees would be back on the job to provide much needed services to the citizens of the State.

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- **Saving money:** In 2006, \$250,799,000 was spent in compensation costs for State employee injury claims. The largest amount of claims was from soft-tissue injury. According to beta-testing on the Claim Check profile reports, some of these claim files when processed by using the Claim Profile Report could be closed as soon as the employee has attained Maximum Medical Improvement. It would then be possible for the State to return the money set aside for insurance reserves to save taxpayers *millions* of dollars annually. The application of the Claim Check Profile Report will certainly help make this a reality.

- **Creating new jobs:** The Claim Check Profile is a software application that allows technology to more accurately report measurable medical results. This innovative invention will help provide new jobs to the State of Hawaii. Since the application is operated in a virtual electronic medium, the impact on the *environment* is miniscule, as the work can be done from anywhere one could operate a laptop. Think of the opportunities we could provide to our disabled citizens who are confined to wheel chairs or their homes, yet are fully capable of operating a desk top or lap top computer.


- **Provide new opportunities for small business entrepreneurs:** Claim Check is designed to accommodate the independent contractor who can work virtually from their own home, even if the client is in any State of the Union or Country of the World. This newly patented Claim Profile will extend from an introductory beginning in Hawaii, to cities and countries around the Globe. With the Approval of HCR42 the future applications and use of this product will be rooted in our State. It will help lead the way to a more efficient use of our compensation funds, thus resulting in a *tremendous savings* of our cash reserves. With the State of Hawaii implementing this innovative approach to solving a Global problem, the positive impact will reach far beyond our island state.

➤ **In closing ~**

I respectfully submit my testimony in favor of HCR42. This is a bold new approach developed and recently patented by Mr. Roy Koenig who like myself, is also a Native Hawaiian, Disabled Veteran from the Viet Nam era. Our Ohana is deeply rooted in these islands. His business model will produce a new eco-tech-friendly business that promotes retention of workers in Hawaii. The approval of HCR42, will allow us to provide a pilot project to audit 100 workers' compensation soft-tissue injury claims. The results of this project will provide the impetus to utilize this technology in the thousands of open cases in the State of Hawaii, thus producing the savings as projected.

To the Honorable Representatives who represent the citizens of Hawaii, I would encourage you to pass this resolution.

Mahalo,



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