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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 309
RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION
by
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House Committee on Finance
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Thursday, April 2, 2009, 3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Representative Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety supports Senate Bill No. 309, to clarify that the Sheriff Chaplains are entitled to workers' compensation.

This bill is needed to amend the Hawaii Revised Statutes section 386-181 to include the Sheriffs' Chaplain. The Sheriffs' Chaplain should receive the same Workers' Compensation benefits as other volunteers indicated in the subject law whereby the Sheriffs' Chaplain provides similar services as the Police Chaplain.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



The Voice of Small Business®

Before the House Committee Finance

DATE: April 2, 2009

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 308

Re: SB 309

Relating to Workers' Compensation

Testimony of Melissa Pavlicek for NFIB Hawaii

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. On behalf of the thousands of business owners who make up the membership of the National Federation of Independent Businesses in Hawaii, we respectfully request that House Bill 602 relating to workers' compensation, which excludes services performed by an individual who is a member of a limited liability company or a partner of a limited liability partnership who has a distributional interest in the company or partnership of at least 50%, a partner of a partnership, and a sole proprietor from the definition of "employment" under the workers' compensation law, be inserted into Senate Bill 309.



The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
The Voice of Business in Hawaii

Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Thursday, April 2, 2009; 3:00 p.m.
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Agenda #2

RE: SENATE BILL 309 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jim Tollefson and I am the President and CEO of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber"). The Chamber has a proposed amendment to SB 309 relating to Workers' Compensation.

The Chamber respectfully asks that the committee amend the measure by adding language from HB 602.

Workers' compensation provides medical insurance and wage loss for work related injuries for employees while protecting employers from civil liability resulting from such injuries. The Chamber believes that this measure is consistent with the intent of protecting employees while helping employers reduce overhead costs by enabling businesses to save on workers' compensation premiums.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,100 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.