

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2584
H.D. 1
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Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2584, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOTICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to accept notices of employers' insurance from approved third party agencies on a form approved by the Director.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675; Pacific Resources Partnership; International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142; Laborers' International Union of North America Local 368; and three private individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires employers to file with the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations a notice of the employers' insurance on a form prescribed by the Director. All workers' compensation insurance coverage information is submitted on paper forms and manually inputted into the Department's information system. However, budget cuts and staff reductions have reduced the Department's ability to input insurance information in a timely manner thereby affecting the reliability of the data. This measure will allow the Department to accept and input the insurance information electronically and



eliminate the labor-intensive process the Department currently employs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2584, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2584, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



