TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
H.B. NO. 2441, H.D. 1, RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

BEFORE THE:
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 **TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 325

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Garry L. Kemp, Administrator, Child Support Enforcement Agency

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Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

The provisions of this bill amend sections 576D-16(a) and 576E-17(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes in order to bring the Hawaii Child Support Enforcement Agency into compliance with federal law.

The Claims Resolution Act (Public Law No. 111-291) makes reforms to the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program, including the new requirement that employers report to the State Directory of New Hires (SDNH) the date that an employee first performs services for pay. This law amends section 453A of the Social Security Act, effective June 8, 2011, and is an anti-fraud measure aimed at reducing the number of overpayments to individuals receiving UI benefits. The new SDNH reporting requirement went into effect June 8, 2011.

In addition, changes made to 42 U.S.C. § 666(a)(19) provide that employers have twenty business days after the date of the medical support notice to transfer the notice to the appropriate plan providing health care coverage, and that employers are required to notify the state IV-D agency when employment is terminated.

Compliance with these new requirements is necessary to maintain eligibility for federal welfare funding and federal funding of child support enforcement programs.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill.