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VIA HAND DELIVERY

TO: House Labor Committee
Hon. Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair
Hon. Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair

Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2583
TO BE HEARD 1/31/2012 @ 9:00 a.m

Dear Rep. Rhoads and Committee Members:

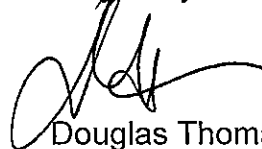
I support HB 2583 to amend HRS § 386-21 which would allow the Director of the DLIR to issue a decision without hearing on whether the injured employee's medical treatment should be continued. Unfortunately, there is such a lengthy hearing backlog at the DLIR, that this measure has become necessary. The backlog of months and months of waiting for a hearing needs to be cleared up in fairness to all the parties, especially the injured workers needing medical treatment.

While I have concern over such decision-making without a hearing, I am confident that the DLIR will ensure that proper safeguards are in place to protect the due process and equal rights of the parties, as well as ensure that its' decision-making hearing officers are appropriately trained in the law and in medicine.

I am happy to see that the Director of the DLIR, the Hon. Dwight Takamine, supports HB 2583.

Help injured workers receive quicker decision-making by supporting HB 2583. Please pass this bill. Thank you. Should you have any questions or need further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,



Douglas Thomas Moore