

HB2584, HD1

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Comments:
March !!, 2012
Chair Hee; Vice Chair Shimabukro and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Laborers' Union supports HB2584, HD1. It will improve the accuracy, reliability and timeliness of workers compensation insurance information processing by the DLIR. Hawaii injured workers will be the beneficiaries of an efficient WC system.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony on line.

Al Lardizabal
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THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LABOR

Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Hearing: Monday, March 12, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room: 016 State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF ILWU LOCAL 142 RE: HB 2584, H.D.1
RELATING TO NOTICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

HB 2584, H.D. 1 allows third party agencies rather than employers to meet the requirement of Section 386-122 HRS that employers file notice of their workers' compensation insurance. In practice, this will permit electronic filing of the notice, eliminating manual recordation of the information and allowing the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to improve its efficiency in record keeping and enforcement. These are sensible and beneficial reforms which will assist all constituents of our workers' compensation system and we therefore support this bill.

We note that H.D. 1 of this bill sets an effective date of July 1, 2112, when the need for electronic notice is far more immediate and should be implemented in the immediate future. Thus, we suggest the bill should be implemented on July 1, 2012 or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

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March 12, 2012

To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair, Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Monday, March 12, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Dennis W. S. Chang
Labor and Workers' Compensation Attorney

Re: IN STRONG SUPPORT H.B. 2584 H.D. 1 Relating to Workers' Compensation

H.B. 2584 H.D. 1 amends section 386-122, HRS, by authorizing the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations (Director) to accept a notice of employer's insurance from approved third party agencies on an approved form. I strongly support the Director's continued efforts to carry out the mission of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) since the passage of this measure is vital for a myriad reasons.

With today's technological advances, the allowance of electronic filing, inputting and exchanging proof of workers' compensation insurance will undeniably improve the accuracy, reliability, and timely policing compliance with the statutory requirements and rules and regulations. Data and reporting are also made more readily reliable to management. Just as notably, the passage is a slight move in rebuilding the agency in preparation for a new era by eliminating the archaic labor intensive tedium of inputting insurance information by our increasingly small dedicated staff of overworked civil servants who have been and continue to be adversely impacted by budget shortfalls and staff reductions. The outlook, in particular, is bleak when the Legislature recently refused to allow another nominal change, the creation of a special compensation fund, which involved literally no cost to the parties on both sides in the workers' compensation process. Any modicum of change should be supported by the Legislature as godsend since the Director is legally required to address the endless demands of workers and employers alike in today's dire economic times.

As confirmed in the previous comments and testimony of the Director, this bill has no downside. Embracing the bill fully and its rapid implementation will serve as a simple essential model for other agencies which have yet to act. Immediate effective use is most befitting when we have the technology and passage is consistent with the public policy as articulated by the passage of the Federal

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Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Thank you very much for your consideration and passage of this critical bill.



Testimony of C. Mike Kido
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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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HB 2584, HD1 – Relating to Notice of Workers' Compensation Insurance
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Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (formerly the Hawaii Carpenters Union).

PRP supports HB 2584, HD1 Relating to Notice of Workers' Compensation Insurance which would allow the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to accept the notice of employer's workers' compensation insurance from approved third party agencies in a manner and form approved by the director.

PRP believes that labor is the backbone of our economy, and that in tough economic times injured workers can ill afford to have treatment or compensation delayed in any fashion or form. We feel that any efforts made to expedite the treatment or compensation of injured workers not only helps the injured workers in their present situations, but will help to get these workers back into the workforce as soon as possible contributing to our State's economic recovery and thus, would like to request an amendment be made on the effective date-- from July 1, 2112 to "upon its approval".

PRP supports legislation like HB 2584, HD1 that seeks to ensure that our working citizens are treated and compensated in a timely manner to help ease the burdens placed on injured workers in tough economic times.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we respectfully ask for your support on HB 2584, HD1.