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To: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair,  
The Honorable Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 312, State Capitol

From: Dwight Y. Takamine, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: HCR118 REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW OF REGULATIONS FOR  
ZIPLINES AND CANOPY TOURS**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

HCR118 requests the Auditor to perform a sunrise review on the regulation of ziplines and canopy tours. The House Concurrent Resolution also requests that the auditor address the issues of inspectors and inspector qualifications raised by DLIR and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in testimony for HB2060.

The department supports passage of this resolution.

**III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The department appreciates the Committee's efforts to ensure the safety and security of participants and workers in the burgeoning zipline and canopy tour industry. The department notes that it is in the final stages of an investigation of a zipline accident that killed one worker and seriously hurt another. The department also appreciates the growing contribution of zipline and canopy tours to the state's economy. For public and worker safety reasons, the department supports HCR118.