A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF WAGE LAWS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 104-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:
- 3 "(a) Where the department finds that a first violation of
- 4 this chapter has been committed, the department shall assess a
- 5 penalty [equal to ten per cent of the amount of back wages found
- 6 due-or \$25 per offense, whichever is greater.] of not more than
- 7 \$1,000 for each offense.
- 8 (b) Where the department finds that a second violation of
- 9 this chapter has been committed, whether on the same contract or
- 10 another, within two years of the first notification of
- 11 violation, the department, after proper notice and opportunity
- 12 for hearing, shall order the person or firm in violation to pay
- 13 a penalty equal to [the amount of back wages found due or \$100
- 14 for each offense, whichever is greater.] ten per cent of the
- 15 contract amount."

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- SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that 1
- matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were 2
- begun before its effective date. 3
- SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 4
- and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 5
- This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 6 SECTION 4.

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Report Title:

Wages and Hours Enforcement; Penalties; Public Works; Government Contracts

Description:

Changes the penalties for government contractors who violate wages and hours laws. Makes penalties \$1,000 for the first offense and ten per cent of the contract amount for the second offense.

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