

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3052

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2472
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2472, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the
hiring of five labor law enforcement specialists and related
expenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawai'i
Construction Alliance, Hawaii State AFL-CIO, and Pacific Resource
Partnership. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the General Contractors Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Labor and
Industrial Relations' Wage Standards Division has a backlog of
complaints. Without additional staff and resources, the Wage
Standards Division will be unable to meet the Division's statutory
responsibilities or reduce the Division's backlog of wage
complaints. Implementation of this measure will enable the Wage
Standards Division to be more efficient and effective in its work
to protect employees' wages.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$249,864; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2472, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2472, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



