

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 15, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2374
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2374 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Labor Law Enforcement Special Fund (Special Fund) to finance the collection of penalties for violations of labor law; and
- (2) Establish two additional positions—an attorney and a legal assistant—in the Department of the Attorney General to collect penalties on behalf of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Pacific Resource Partnership testified in support of this measure. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Special Fund is to also finance the collection of fees;



- (2) Making the appropriations unspecified amounts;
- (3) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$98,163 out of the general fund for fiscal year 2018-2019 for deposit into the Labor Law Enforcement Special Fund for the purposes of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2374, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,


AARON LENE JOHANSON, Chair



