

HB1727 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO LABOR.

Report Title: Employment; Paid Sick Leave; Minimum Wage Workers

Description: Requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care, or due to a public health emergency. Gives employers flexibility to offer paid sick leave to minimum wage and other employees or to pay minimum wage employees a salary that is more than the minimum wage. (HB1727 HD1)

Companion: [SB2359](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: LBR, WAM

Introducer(s): JOHANSON, HOLT, ICHIYAMA, Yamashita

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Date			
1/12/2018	H		Prefiled.
1/17/2018	H		Introduced and Pass First Reading
1/17/2018	H		Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 3
2/1/2018	H		Bill scheduled to be heard by LAB on Tuesday, 02-06-18 8:30AM in House conference room 309.
2/6/2018	H		The committees on LAB recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 7 Ayes: Representative(s) Johanson, Holt, Evans, Ichiyama, Keohokalole, Yamashita; Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) Matsumoto; Noes: none; and Excused: none.
2/16/2018	H		Reported from LAB (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 603-18) as amended in HD 1, recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to FIN.
2/16/2018	H		Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) DeCoite, Ing, Nakamura, Onishi, Woodson excused (5).
2/20/2018	H		Bill scheduled to be heard by FIN on Thursday, 02-22-18 1:30PM in House conference room 308.
2/22/2018	H		The committees on FIN recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 13 Ayes: Representative(s) Luke, Cullen, Cachola, DeCoite, Fukumoto, Gates, Holt, Kobayashi, Lowen, Nakamura, Todd, Yamashita, Ward; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Keohokalole, Tupola.
3/2/2018	H		Reported from FIN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 930-18), recommending passage on Third Reading.
3/2/2018	H		Passed Third Reading with Representative(s) DeCoite, Har voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Kong, Tokioka, Tupola, Ward voting no (4) and Representative(s) Cachola, Ing, San Buenaventura, Say, Yamane excused (5). Transmitted to Senate.
3/6/2018	S		Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 145).
3/6/2018	S		Passed First Reading.
3/6/2018	S		Referred to LBR/CPH, WAM.
3/8/2018	S		Re-Referred to LBR, WAM.
3/12/2018	S		The committee(s) on LBR has scheduled a public hearing on 03-15-18 2:45PM in conference room 229.

S = Senate | **H** = House | **D** = Data Systems | **\$** = Appropriation measure | **ConAm** = Constitutional Amendment

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March 14, 2018

Comments regarding HB 1727, HD1, Relating to Labor

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Kalani English, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor

From: Khara Jabola-Carolus, Executive Director,
Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Comments Regarding SB 425, SD2, Relating to Labor

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women supports the intent of HB 1727, HD 1 and would like to provide additional comments on how this bill could be strengthened. If passed in its current form, this bill would set an unacceptable standard practice for providing paid sick leave for workers.

Having a paid leave policy increases worker loyalty, decreases turnover and ensures a healthy workforce. Ensuring a minimum amount of paid sick and safe leave for all employees is a sound public policy—all evidence points to a boost for the economy when employees are able to take paid leave. Further, a lack of paid sick leave has a detrimental affect on low-income women. Women of color continue to be paid less on average, and close to 2/3 of low wage workers do not have access to paid sick days despite having the greatest need this policy.

Because illness is involuntary, and the protection of public health is cited in the purpose clause of this measure, the Commission does not support an employee carve out, which only applies to employers with *50 or more employees*. This is the highest carve out in the nation in terms of sick leave. This excludes a large number of employees in Hawaii and prevents them from earning paid sick leave.

HB 1727 HD1 does not allow workers to begin accruing paid sick leave until over four months of full-time employment. This compounds the problem: many low income women work multiple minimum wage part time jobs just to stay financially afloat. This exclusion would prevent certain female service workers from earning paid sick leave, even though they may be working more than 40 hours a week at various different service positions. Paid sick leave should accrue on the first day of work.

HB 1727 HD1 also exempts employers from providing paid sick leave if its workers are paid an amount slightly higher than minimum wage. Paid sick leave must be provided to all workers.

Finally, the Commission suggests adding an anti-retaliation provision to this bill's language and an enforcement mechanism including a private right of action. This would protect employees who are threatened or retaliated against for requesting to use their paid sick leave under the law. Alternatively, if this bill cannot be strengthened, the Commission supports the deferral of this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

Khara Jabola-Carolus

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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair,
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

From: Leonard Hoshijo, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. NO. 1727 HD1 RELATING TO LABOR

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

This proposal adds paid sick leave through a new chapter to the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), requiring employers subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to provide 40 hours of paid sick leave to be used during absences due to the employee's illness or need for preventive medical care, to care for a family member who is ill or needs preventive medical care, or during a public health emergency. Employees shall accrue sick leave up to 40 hours in a calendar year, unless the employer provides a higher limit.

The chapter shall not apply to employers who have a sick leave policy paying more sick leave than the chapter requires, pay employees \$1.65 more than minimum wage beginning July 1, 2019, \$3.15 more than the minimum wage beginning July 1, 2020; \$4.90 more than minimum wage beginning July 1, 2021, or employ fewer than 50 employees.

DLIR offers comments on the measure.

II. CURRENT LAW

In Hawaii, paid sick leave is not required but could be used to meet the requirements of the Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) law in which case the

sick leave can be used for the worker's own sickness, but not for the worker to care for other persons.

Under §388-7(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Payment of Wages and Other Compensation Law, employers that provide vacation and sick leave benefits are required to make their policies available to employees in writing or through a notice posted in a place accessible to the employees. The employer's policy determines the criteria to earn and use these benefits.

The Hawaii Family Leave Law (HFLL), Chapter 398, HRS, provides four weeks of protected leave, not necessarily paid, for employees of employers with 100 or more employees, on the birth or adoption of a child or to care for a family member who is seriously ill. Unlike the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, §398-3, HRS, of the Hawaii Family Leave Law does not allow an employee to take leave for the employee's own serious health condition.

III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL

The definition of "employer" under FLSA is very broad and generally includes employers with an annual gross income of at least \$500,000 or employers involved in inter-state commerce, which includes federal government employees. The State does not have jurisdiction over federal employees unless specifically provided by the United States Codes, therefore, DLIR recommends changing the definition of "employer" to exclude federal employees.

The measure does not include a provision for enforcement. DLIR recommends inserting a provision for an employee remedy through a private right of action.

The bill could also cause conflict for employers who choose to use their sick leave plans to fulfill part or all of the TDI requirement. Under a TDI plan that uses sick leave as the entire TDI benefit, the employee must maintain a minimum amount of sick leave for the employee's own disability. The employer is required by §392-41(b)(2), HRS, to allow an employee to use only the amount of sick leave in excess of the TDI statutory equivalent for family leave purposes.

The latest data from the Research & Statistics Office (Dec. 2016, excludes government) indicates the following:

- 1,622 employers out of 31,438 had 50 or more workers
- These employers employed 362,465 out of 533,623 non-government workers

DLIR notes that the relationship of the proposed sick leave and other benefits provided under various laws may be subject to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

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March 14, 2018

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR
For Hearing on Thursday, March 15, 2018
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 229

By

RYKER WADA
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House Bill No. 1727 H.D.1
Relating to Health

(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

CHAIRPERSON TOKUDA, VICE-CHAIR ENGLISH AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. 1727 H.D.1.

H.B. 1727 H.D.1 requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care.

The Department of Human Resources Development provides **comments** on H.B. 1727 H.D.1 to the extent that it applies to public sector employees.

Most public sector employees are already afforded generous vacation and sick leave benefits which can be utilized for the purposes of caring for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care. It is therefore unnecessary to include public employees within the scope of this bill.

In addition, this bill would provide paid sick leave to employees who are hired to supplement the Executive Branch's regular workforce (e.g., 89-day hires, part-time intermittent workers, casual hires, event workers, etc.). These employees are typically hired on an as-needed basis. The estimated impact of providing up to seven paid sick leave days to these short-term employees may be in excess of \$500,000.

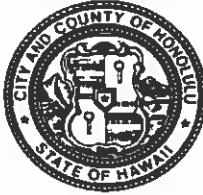
H.B. 1727 H.D.1 also appears to be in conflict with existing law. Act 253, SLH 2000, removed routine human resource policy and management matters from civil service laws and included the enactment of HRS Section 78-23. That section specifically provides that employees "shall be eligible for vacation leave, sick leave, and other leaves of absence, with or without pay, as negotiated under chapter 89 or adjusted under chapter 89C, as applicable." H.B. 1727 H.D.1 accordingly attempts to legislate in an area that is required by statute to be a mandatory subject of negotiation.

Given the foregoing, we recommend that H.B. 1727 H.D.1 be held or amended to expressly exclude public employees from its coverage.

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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Labor
The Senate
State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English, and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1727, HD 1
Relating to Labor**

House Bill 1727, HD 1 requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees, including time for family care. The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Human Resources, respectfully opposes this bill to the extent that it creates ambiguity as to whether it applies to public sector employees.

The City is concerned that HB 1727, HD1 involves a matter that is subject to collective bargaining, and therefore, should not be legislated. Public sector employees are already entitled to generous leave provisions which have been negotiated into the respective collective bargaining agreements. Our employees are given 21 days of sick leave and 21 days of vacation per year, which may be used for purposes described in this bill. In addition, City employees are sufficiently covered by Federal and State laws which afford them time off to care for themselves and their family members.

For public sector employees, the entire subject of sick leave should remain exclusively a subject of collective bargaining. The City respectfully requests that HB 1727, HD1 be amended to explicitly exclude public sector employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolee C. Kubo".

Carolee C. Kubo
Director

IBEW1260

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March 15, 2018

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Labor

HB1727 - RELATING TO LABOR

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English, and Members of the Committees,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260, AFL-CIO (IBEW1260), represents more than 3500 members, has advocated for all workers in the State of Hawaii for over seventy-five years and respectfully offers the following testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of House Bill 1727** (HB1727).

While IBEW1260 members are fortunate enough to be covered by a collective bargaining agreement providing in many cases generous amounts of paid sick leave, many of Hawaii's workers, over forty percent, are not afforded the same benefit. As a result, these workers are required to choose between providing for their families or working while sick and enduring a loss of income to recuperate.

Support of HB1727 will allow these workers, many of whom are low-income earners, the ability to stay at home and recover without loss of income. Additionally, children of working families who are ill will be able to remain home being cared for by their parents. IBEW1260 encourages this committee to **SUPPORT HB1727** as paid sick days will improve the quality of life for many families ultimately leading to a healthier Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this issue.

Respectfully,



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Committee on Labor

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

March 15, 2018

H.B. 1727, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO LABOR

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 1727, H.D. 1 which requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees.

We represent more than 27,000 public-sector employees who enjoy the benefit of paid sick leave for healthcare. No employee should be forced to choose between their well-being and their job. Taking time off to care for one's illness not only protects the employee, but also protects their families, colleagues, and customers by reducing the chances of spreading illness. Providing employees with a few days of paid sick leave is an investment that not only supports the employee, but our community as a whole.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 1727, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

for Randy Perreira
Executive Director



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March 15, 2018

H.B. 1727, H.D.1 – RELATING TO LABOR

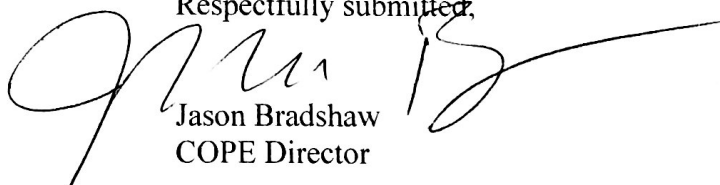
The Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly supports H.B. 1727, H.D.1 which requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care, or due to a public health emergency and gives employers flexibility to offer paid sick leave to minimum wage and other employees or to pay minimum wage employees a salary that is more than the minimum wage.

Many union members working in Hawaii are fortunate to have access to paid sick days. Even a number of employers that do not have a collective bargaining agreement offer generous paid sick days to their employees and we commend them for providing such benefits. Regrettably, not all workers are provided access to paid sick days. In fact, according to the National Partnership for Women and Families, over 170,000 Hawaii workers or nearly 43 percent of the state's private-sector workforce are not able to take paid sick days when they are ill or when their children are ill. As a result, countless employees attend work sick as many of the 170,000 workers are low-wage service sector workers living paycheck to paycheck. This however can be changed for the better.

Supporting H.B. 1727, H.D.1 will provide workers who need it the most with a few paid sick days a year. Children who are sick will finally be able to stay at home and recover and sick employees will finally have the opportunity to regain their health allowing them to return to work at full productivity. And most importantly, the spread of illness will be greatly reduced among co-workers, school children and the general public. Hawaii will become a healthier state, a more productive state and of course a state that recognizes the impact of how contagious the flu or other diseases can be to Hawaii residents. A small number of paid sick days a year can go a long way to improving the quality of life for many.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Bradshaw
COPE Director

Senate Committee on Labor
Thursday, March 14th, 2018

Attention: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator J Kalani English, Vice Chair

Re: **Support for HB1727** Relating to Labor

The Labor Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports HB1727. HB1727 would require employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees that can be used for the worker to care for herself or a family member. Allowing all workers the freedom to get well away from work will lead to healthier communities. Additionally, we have seen multiple reports in the past two years of illness outbreaks that were spread through the food service industry. There is a compelling public health interest in allowing workers the ability to stay home when they are ill. Sick leave without pay requires a worker to choose between their health and their paycheck. With the cost of living Hawai'i many workers cannot afford any loss of pay. For these reasons the Labor Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges passage of HB1727

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THE SENATE
Committee on Labor
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
Thursday, March 15, 2018; 2:45 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 1727, HD1
RELATING TO LABOR**

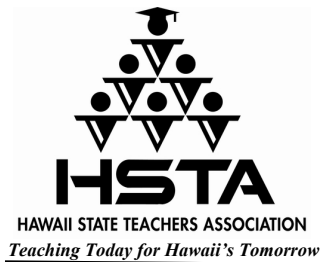
The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 1727, HD1, which requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care, or due to a public health emergency, and gives employers flexibility to offer paid sick leave to minimum wage and other employees or to pay minimum wage employees a salary that is more than the minimum wage.

The goal of H.B. 1727, HD1 is to require all employers—except government employers for employees not subject to the civil service laws of the State, political subdivision, or public agency—to provide paid sick leave accrued at the rate of one hour of paid sick leave for every forty hours worked. The intent is to build upon Hawaii’s excellent Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) law passed more than 40 years ago. TDI allows employers to provide sick leave equivalent to benefits under the TDI law, but benefits start from the eighth day of disability and offers 58% of wages for up to 26 weeks for non-work-related illnesses or injuries.

Section 1 of the bill provides substantial justification for employers to provide paid sick leave—e.g., workers can attend to their own health and that of family members in a timely fashion, reducing health care costs and spread of disease—but a significant rationale for employers to provide this benefit is to encourage loyalty and productivity among employees, to promote stability in the workforce, to help employers save on the cost of recruitment and training needed to replace employees, and to prevent resignations, terminations and early retirement.

The ILWU fully supports paid sick leave for all employees in the State. However, we have concerns about subsection (2) of section -6 (Applicability) of the proposed new law that would allow employers to be exempt if they pay employees more than the minimum wage. This provision seems to nullify the intent to allow all workers to be eligible for use of sick leave for their own illnesses or to care for family members. Paying higher wages does not negate the need for paid sick leave.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 1727, HD1 with a possible amendment to delete subsection (2) of section -6 (Applicability). Thank you for the opportunity to share our views and concerns.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
LABOR

RE: HB 1727, HD 1 - RELATING TO LABOR

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports the intent of and suggests amendments for HB 1727, HD 1**, relating to labor.

In Hawai'i, today, a minimum wage worker would need to work 116 hours per week to afford a one-bedroom apartment at fair market rent, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Similarly, Honolulu rent has increased by more than 25 percent over the past three years. Affordable rent for a minimum wage worker in our state, per NLIHC, is \$481/month.

At the same time, our state continues to suffer from a shortage of affordable housing. Experts at the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism now estimate that Hawai'i needs 66,000 new housing units by the year 2025 to keep up with demand, the overwhelming majority of which is needed to meet the demand of people who qualify for affordable housing. Yet, for every 100 extremely low-income renters on O'ahu, there exist only 40 affordable rentals, according to the Urban Institute.

Hawai'i's high cost of living continues to price people out of paradise. Our children no longer stay here upon graduating from high school or college. Instead, they flee to the mainland or abroad, where they can afford to survive. To stop this trend, we must increase the minimum wage to at least \$15/hour for island workers.

Yet, we believe this measure could be substantially improved in several ways. First, we encourage your committee to **shorten or completely eliminate the period of time**

that must be worked before employees accrue sick leave under this proposal, which the bill currently sets at 680 hours (or four months). Second, we urge you to repeal the bill's exemption for workplaces with fewer than 50 employees, since the vast majority of states and municipalities that extend paid sick leave do not contain such an exemption in their sick leave laws. Third and finally, we would like to see enforcement of the sick leave provisions outlined in the bill enhanced by the inclusion of a private right of action for workers, rather than simply having sick leave provided "based on a manner deemed suitable by the employer," as currently stated in the bill.

To preserve the islands' longstanding devotion to helping working families, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **amend** this bill.

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To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Labor

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 15, 2018, 2:45PM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229

Comments on HB 1727 HD1

Thank you, Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee, for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 1727, relating to labor.

We fully support paid sick leave for workers. We know that providing paid sick leave supports public health and keeps families from economic hardships. We also know that sick leave should be accessible and inclusive. House Bill 1727 provides a framework to build from and should include:

- Grandparents or grandchildren into definition of family. In Hawaii, where multi-generational households are common, this definition more closely mirrors our value system
- Safe leave in instances of domestic violence or sexual assault and/or stalking
- Making all workers eligible, regardless of how close their wage is to the minimum wage or how large a business is
- A shortened probationary period before accrual of sick leave can begin

Missing a few days of work because of an illness can jeopardize rent payments, car payments, and childcare. Paid sick leave policies are necessary to support public health and keep families from falling through the cracks. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 1727 HD1.

Kathleen Algire
Director, Public Policy and Advocacy

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TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 1727, HOUSE DRAFT 1, RELATING TO LABOR

Senate Committee on Labor
Hon. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Hon. J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 15, 2018, 2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Honorable Chair Tokuda and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 400 members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in support of the intent of, with proposed amendments for House Bill 1727, HD 1 relating to labor.

Hawai'i residents face the highest housing costs in the nation, at more than twice the national average. Researchers who authored the National Low Income Housing Coalition's *Out of Reach 2017* report found that a full-time worker would need to earn \$35.20/hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market value in our state, with Honolulu experiencing a 67 percent increase in fair market rent between 2005 and 2015. Average rent for a two-bedroom unit surpassed \$2,000 in recent years, with **minimum wage workers needing to log 116 hours per week to afford a modest one-bedroom apartment at fair market value and 139 hours per week to afford a two-bedroom**—a number that is equivalent to working 20 hours a day with no days off year-round. In the past three years alone, Honolulu rent has increased by more than 25 percent.

While 43 percent of Hawai'i residents are renters (a number that does not include individuals and families renting outside of the regulated rental market), they earn an average wage of \$15.64/hour, over \$8.00 less than the minimum housing wage for the islands and scarcely enough to meet their basic needs, forcing them to take second and third jobs that, quite frequently, pay minimum wage. One out of every four households in Hawai'i report that they are “doubling up” or are three paychecks or less away from being homeless, per the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice. Additionally, 54 percent of households are cost-burdened, meaning that they pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing costs, a number that rises to 83 percent of extremely low-income households. Homelessness is directly tied to our state's exorbitant cost of living and penchant for catering to people who use the islands as their own

private Monopoly board. We beseech you to seek innovative ways of making Hawai'i more affordable for our economically disadvantaged neighbors and hardworking families, who are, far too often, the same slice of our state's population.

To provide financial security to Hawai'i's workforce, we must raise the minimum wage to at least \$15/hour and provide paid sick leave to Hawai'i's workforce. That said, we believe that this measure must be amended before moving forward. To begin, we urge your committee to **replace the current accrual rate outlined in the bill, set at 680 hours (or four months' worth of work) with a mandate that accrual of paid sick leave shall commence immediately.** The vast majority of states and municipalities that offer paid sick leave allow workers to begin accruing leave time on their first day on the job. Additionally, we believe that **this measure's exemption from sick leave provisions for businesses with fewer than 50 employees is untenable and should be removed.** Only Connecticut excludes as many workers from paid sick leave requirements as this provision would allow. Moreover, we contend that the **definition of family highlighted in the bill should be broadened to include any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with an employee is the equivalent of a family relationship, including grandparents and siblings.** Finally, we encourage you to **incorporate a private right of action into the bill to amplify enforcement of the measure's coverage.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of this bill.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Executive Director
IMUAlliance

HB-1727-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 6:25:15 PM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Testifying for Hawaii Women's Coalition	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English and members,

While the Coalition supports the intent of this bill to create strong paid sick days legislation we are concerned that compromise with those who oppose **any** mandated paid sick days for workers has weakened this legislation to point of being a meaningless gesture.

Consider:

-Low-income workers are the are the most likely not to already have paid sick days as well as to have the greatest financial need for them.

-According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, nine states, the District of Columbia, and a county of over a million people have passed paid sick leave laws. **None of those jurisdictions exempt employers who pay their employees a certain amount above the minimum wage, as is seen in this bill, effectively excluding a majority of workers in this state from its requirements.**

-All 11 of the above-mentioned jurisdictions also permit workers to begin accruing paid sick leave on the first day on the job. In contrast, this bill would require employees to work more than 680 hours (over 4 months of full-time employment) in a year in order to accrue paid sick days. This would mean that many workers – especially **part-time and those who string together multiple part-time jobs – would not get meaningful access to paid sick leave.**

-This bill would also exempt workplaces with fewer than 50 employees. Of the above-referenced 11 jurisdictions, as well as dozens of cities with paid sick leave laws, only one excludes as many workers.

-One of the most important benefits of paid sick leave laws are the protection of consumers and the general public from contagious illnesses, such as the flu, that are often spread by service workers who, without paid sick days, have no choice but to work while sick. In summary, this bill excludes so many workers that its effectiveness in helping address a public health emergency would be seriously undermined.

-This bill also would give employers the discretion to decide how they would allow their employees to take this leave. This would provide with employees no clear path for recourse in the event that they were not allowed to take the paid sick leave that they earned. Without adequate definitions and parameters, the implementation of this law would be confusing and very difficult to enforce.

Please amend this bill to remove restrictions and/or add safeguards so that paid sick leave can apply to the majority of Hawaii's workers.

Mahalo,

Ann S. Freed

Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition

March 15, 2018

To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Labor

From: Mandy Finlay, Director of Public Policy
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **HB1727, HD1 – Relating to Labor**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229, March 15, 2018, 2:45 PM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to offer comments on HB1727, HD1– Relating to Labor.

HCAN is in strong support of sick leave policies to support families. Ten states and Washington D.C. now have comprehensive sick leave laws (see attached table). Hawaii should ensure that ALL workers have access to sick leave.

We request that this bill be amended so that:

- 1) Accrual begins at commencement and may be used 90 days after commencement of employment.
- 2) Sick leave is provided to employees at all companies, not just large ones.
- 3) There is an enforcement mechanism including private right of action.

Sick leave policies make economic sense not just for the employee but also for the employer. These policies provide the employee job security, better health, less stress, and more satisfaction with their job while reducing costs for employers by eliminating the need to replace workers and sickness of additional workers. An Oxfam America survey of low-wage working mothers found 19 percent reported losing a job because they were sick or they had to care for a sick child. It is estimated that 63% of young children in Hawaii have working parents with 31% of Hawaii's children living in single parent households.

According to the US Department of Labor:

- Four in ten private sector workers, over 40 million people, do not have access to paid sick time.
- Seven in ten low-wage workers whose earnings are in the bottom 25 percent of earners, lack access to paid sick time.
- For those employed in the accommodation and food services industries, 75 percent must choose between losing pay and showing up to work sick or leaving a sick child at home alone.
- Without sick leave, workers are more likely to go to work and infect others. A recent survey of food workers showed that nearly 90 percent went to work when they were sick, including more than half who did so "always" or "frequently." And of those who worked while sick, almost half (45 percent) reported going to work sick because they could not afford to lose pay.



Paid Sick Days – State, District and County Statutes

Updated January 2018

(For City Laws, Click [Here.](#))

Key:

EE: employee; **ER:** employer; **SB:** small business; **LB:** large business; **FTE:** full-time equivalent; **DV:** domestic violence; **SAFE:** safe time coverage; **PHE:** public health emergency; **CBA:** collective bargaining agreement

Location	District of Columbia (2008, amended 2013) (effective 2014)	Connecticut (2011) (effective 1/2012)	California (2014, amended 2015 and 2016) (effective 7/2015; 2016 expansion effective 7/2018)	Massachusetts (2014) (effective 7/2015)	Oregon (2015) (effective 1/2016)¹	Montgomery County, Md. (2015) (effective 10/2016)	Vermont (2016) (effective 1/2017 for LB, and 1/2018 for SB)	Arizona (2016) (effective 7/2017)	Washington (2016) (effective 1/2018)	Rhode Island (2017) (effective 7/2018)	Maryland (2018) (effective 2/2018)
Summary	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 37 to 87 hours worked and can accrue and use up to three to seven days, depending on ER's size. EEs in certain industries receive one hour for every 43 worked	Enumerated EEs whose place of business has 50 or more EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 40 hours. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care and for absences associated with domestic	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can use up to 24 hours and accrue up to 48 hours. ERs may use alternate accrual method if accrual is regular and provides a sufficient amount of time. Beginning in 2018, in-home supportive services EEs accrue	EEs whose place of business has 11 or more EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 40 hours. All others receive equivalent unpaid time. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care and for absences associated with EE	EEs whose place of business has 10 or more EEs (six or more EEs if ER is in a city with population above 500k, so that Portland's law remains in effect) accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked, and can accrue and use up to 40 hours. All others receive equivalent unpaid	EEs whose place of business has five or more EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can accrue up to 56 hours and use up to 80 hours. All others receive an equivalent 32 paid and 24 unpaid hours. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, absences	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 52 hours worked and can accrue or use up to 24 hours in 2017 and 2018, and 40 hours in 2019 and following years. Workers in small businesses begin to accrue and use time in 2018. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care (including long-term care appointments	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. EEs whose place of business has 15 or more EEs can accrue and use up to 40 hours per year. All others can accrue and use up to 24 hours per year. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care,	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked. Covers sick time for EE or a family member's care, absences associated with EE or a family member's domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, closures for public health reasons	EEs of ERs with 18 or more EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 35 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 24 hours in 2018, 32 hours in 2019, and 40 hours in 2020 and beyond. ERs who employ fewer than 18 EEs are	EEs whose place of business has 15 or more employees accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked, and can accrue up to 40 hours in a year and 64 hours at any time, and can use up to 64 hours in a year. All others receive equivalent unpaid time. Covers sick time for EE or

¹ Oregon's law preempted the ordinance that was enacted by Eugene, Ore.; Eugene's ordinance was no longer in effect as of January 1, 2016.

and can accrue and use up to five days regardless of ER size. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care and for absences associated with domestic violence, sexual abuse or stalking.	violence or sexual assault.	paid sick time at the same rate, and can use eight hours per year, gradually increasing to 24 hours per year. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care and for absences associated with EE's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.	or dependent child's domestic violence.	time. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, for Oregon family leave purposes, for reasons related to a public health emergency and for absences associated with EE or minor child/dependent's domestic violence, sexual harassment, assault or stalking.	associated with EE or family member's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, closures due to a public health emergency, care for a family member exposed to a communicable disease and the birth, adoption, or foster placement of a child.	for parent, grandparent, spouse or parent-in-law), absences associated with EE or family member's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, and closures for public health or safety reasons.	absences associated with EE or family member's domestic violence, sexual violence, abuse or stalking, closures for public health or safety reasons, and care for EE's or family member's exposure to a communicable disease.		not required to allow workers to accrue paid sick days but must allow use of unpaid sick time of up to 24 hours in 2018, 32 hours in 2019 and 40 hours in 2020. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, absences associated with EE or family member's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, and closures for public health or safety reasons.	family members' care and for absences associated with EE or family member's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.
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Law/Bill Number	§ 32-131.01 et seq.	Public Act 11-52	Cal. Labor Code §§ 245, 2810.5	Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 149, § 148(c), (d)	ORS §§ 653.256, 659A.885	Bill 60-14, Bill 32-16	21 Vt. Stat. §§ 384, 481-485, 345; 29 Vt. Stat. § 161	Ariz. Title 23, Ch. 2, Art. 8, §§ 23-363, 23-364; Title 23, Ch. 2, Art. 8.1	RCW 49.46.005, 49.46.020, 49.46.090, 49.46.100	H. 5413	H.B. 0001
Impact	Approx. 220,000	Approx. 200,000 workers formerly	Approx. 6.9 million workers	Approx. 900,000 workers formerly	Approx. 473,000 workers formerly	Approx. 90,000 workers formerly	Not yet determined. Approx. 60,000	Approx. 934,000 workers formerly	Approx. 1,000,000	Approx. 100,000	Not yet determined.

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	workers formerly without sick time gained it through this law. ⁱ	without sick time gained it through this law. ⁱⁱ	formerly without sick time will gain it through this law. ⁱⁱⁱ	without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{iv}	without sick time will gain it through this law. ^v	without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{vi}	workers were without paid sick time before the law's passage, but carve-outs create challenges in estimating the number who will gain access. ^{vii}	without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{viii}	workers formerly without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{ix}	workers formerly without sick time will gain it through this law. ^x	Approx. 750,000 workers were without sick time before the law's passage. ^{xi}
Exemptions	Does not apply to independent contractors; students employed by their higher education institution for less than 25 hours/week; health care workers in premium pay programs; volunteers that engage in activities of an educational, charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization; casual baby-sitter; some	Does not apply to EEs not employed in one of the 68 enumerated service occupations or by ERs with fewer than 50 EEs; salaried or exempt workers; temporary workers; certain state EEs; manufacturing ERs; nationally chartered nonprofits (i.e., the YMCA)	Does not apply to EEs of any governmental entity who receive a retirement allowance and are now reemployed without reinstatement into retirement system; EEs covered by a CBA with express sick time; construction EEs covered by a CBA; in-home support service workers who have worked less than 30 days in the state; certain airline flight deck or cabin crew members; EEs who have worked less	Does not apply to city or town EEs	Does not apply to EEs who are covered by a CBA, who are employed through a labor organization referral system and whose benefits are provided by a multi-employer-employee plan; are ER's child, spouse or parent; EEs who receive paid sick time under federal law; independent contractors; work-study students; work training program participants; railroad workers exempted under	Does not apply to EEs of any non-county governmental entity; EEs who have an irregular work schedule, who must contact ER for assignments and begin work within 48 hours of contact, who have no obligation to work for ER without contact, and who are not employed through a temp agency; EEs who regularly work less than eight hours a week; independent contractors	Does not apply to workers who average less than 18 hours of work per week in a year, federal government EEs; state government EEs who are exempt from state classified service; EEs who work for an ER for 20 or fewer weeks in a year on a job scheduled to last 20 weeks or fewer; per diem/intermittent health care or long-term care facility EEs; substitute teachers who are not contracted to provide long-term substitute coverage; EEs under age 18;	Does not apply to state or federal government EEs; persons employed by a parent or a sibling; or persons performing babysitting services in ER's home on a casual basis	Does not apply to workers who are exempt from Washington state minimum wage law	Does not apply to state or municipal EEs; ERs with fewer than 18 EEs, provided they allow EEs to use up to 24 hours in 2018, 32 hours in 2019 and 40 hours in 2020 of unpaid sick time; ERs with a paid time off policy or paid sick and safe leave policy that makes available at least the same amount of time as the bill; construction EEs covered by	Does not apply to individuals who are casual employees, independent contractors, licensed real estate salespersons, licensed associate real estate brokers, under the age of 18, employed in the agricultural sector on an agricultural operation, regularly work less than 12 hours a week, or who are employed in the construction industry and covered by a CBA that expressly

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	religious organization members		than 30 days for the same ER		the Federal Railroad Insurance Act		per diem or temporary EEs who work only when they indicate they are available, are under no obligation to work for ER and have no expectation of continuing employment with the ER; new ERs are not subject to the law for one-year period after hiring first EE			a CBA; licensed nurses who are employed by a health care facility, are under no obligation to work a regular schedule, work only when they are available and are under no obligation to work when unavailable, and receive higher pay than an EE at the same facility who works a regular schedule	waives the terms of the bill
Accrual Rate and Maximum Accrual	SB (1-24 EEs): One hour for every 87 hours worked, up to three days MB (25-99 EEs): One hour for every 43 hours worked,	50 or more EEs: One hour for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours	One hour for every 30 hours worked, can use up to 24 hours, accrue up to 48 hours In-Home Supportive	SB (1-10 EEs): One hour of <i>unpaid</i> time off for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours LB (11 or more EEs): One hour of	SB (1-9/1-5 EEs in Portland)²: One hour of <i>unpaid</i> time off for every 30 hours worked or 1-1/3 hours for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours	SB (1-4 EEs): One hour of time off for every 30 hours worked, can accrue up to 32 paid hours and 24 unpaid hours, use up to 80 hours	SB (1-5 EEs): Beginning on 1/1/2018, one hour for every 52 hours worked; in 2018, can accrue and use up to 24 hours; in 2019 and following years,	SB (1-14 EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, can accrue and use up to 24 hours LB (15 or more EEs): One hour	One hour for every 40 hours worked. ER is not required to allow more than 40 hours to carry over to the following year.	SB (1-17 EEs): Must allow use of up to 24 hours in 2018, 32 hours in 2019 and 40 hours in 2020 of unpaid sick time	SB (1-14 EEs): One hour of <i>unpaid</i> time for every 30 hours worked; can earn up to 40 hours in a year, use up to 64 hours in a year, and accrue up to

² For ERs in a city with a population exceeding 500,000, an SB is 1-5 EEs and an LB is 6 or more; for ERs in all other locations, an SB is 1-9 EEs and an LB is 10 or more.

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	<p>up to 5 days</p> <p>LB (100 or more EEs): One hour for every 37 hours worked, up to seven days</p> <p>Tipped restaurant and bar workers: One hour for every 43 hours worked, up to five days</p>		<p>Service Workers: From July 1, 2018, to December 31, 2019 (scheduled), one hour for every 30 hours worked, can use up to eight hours. From January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021 (scheduled), can use up to 16 hours. From January 1, 2022, onwards, can use up to 24 hours.</p>	<p>paid time off for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p>	<p>LB (10 or more/6 or more EEs in Portland): One hour of paid time off for every 30 hours worked or 1-1/3 hours for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p>	<p>LB (5 or more EEs): One hour of paid time off for every 30 hours worked, can accrue up to 56 hours, use up to 80 hours</p>	<p>can accrue and use up to 40 hours</p> <p>LB (6 or more EEs): One hour for every 52 hours worked; in 2017 and 2018, can accrue and use up to 24 hours; in 2019 and following years, can accrue and use up to 40 hours</p> <p>NOTE: New businesses have a one-year period of exemption before paid sick time requirements apply.</p>	<p>for every 30 hours worked, can accrue and use up to 40 hours</p>		<p>LB (18 or more EEs): One hour for every 35 hours worked, can accrue and use up to 24 hours in 2018, 32 hours in 2019 and 40 hours in 2020 and beyond</p>	<p>64 hours at any time</p> <p>LB (15 or more EEs): One hour of <i>paid</i> time for every 30 hours worked; can earn up to 40 hours in a year; use up to 64 hours in a year, and accrue up to 64 hours at any time</p>
Waiting Period for Accrual and Use	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employment</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 680 hours after commencement of employment</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employment</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employment</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 91 days after commencement of employment</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employment</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; ER may require EEs to complete waiting period of up to one year after commencement of employment or effective date of law (whichever is later) before using accrued hours</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employment</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employment</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment or law's effective date (whichever is later); ERs may require a waiting period of up to 90 days for newly hired EEs; longer waiting</p>	<p>Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 106 days after commencement of employment</p>

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										periods for seasonal and temporary EEs	
Family Members Covered Other Than Self, Child, Spouse or Parent	Domestic partner; live-in partner (living together at least 12 months); sibling; sibling's spouse; grandchild; parent-in-law; spouse of child; child living with EE for whom EE cares permanently	Child and spouse only	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; legal ward; parent of spouse or domestic partner; legal guardian of EE, spouse or domestic partner; person with whom EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis	Parent-in-law; legal ward; person who assumed the responsibilities of parenthood for EE or child for whom EE assumed responsibility	Grandparent; grandchild; parent-in-law; person with whom EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis	Sibling; grandparent; grandchild; spouse of sibling or grandparent; legal ward; legal guardian; child for whom the EE is primary caregiver; EE's primary caregiver when EE was a minor	Grandparent; grandchild; sibling; parent-in-law	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; legal ward; parent of spouse or domestic partner; legal guardian of EE or spouse; person with whom EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis; any other individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with EE is the equivalent of a family relationship	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; legal ward; child for whom EE is a de facto parent; parent of spouse or domestic partner; person with whom EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; care recipient (person for whom EE is responsible for providing or arranging health or safety related care); member of EE's household	Child for whom the EE has legal or physical custody or guardianship; child for whom employee stands in loco parentis; legal guardian of the EE; individual who acted as a parent or stood in loco parentis to the EE or EE's spouse when EE or spouse was a minor; grandparent; grandchild; sibling
Safe Time Coverage, Coverage for Public Health Emergency and/or Coverage for	SAFE: Coverage for EE's or family member's DV, sexual assault or stalking	SAFE: Coverage for EE's or family member's DV or sexual assault	SAFE: Coverage for EE's DV, sexual assault or stalking	SAFE: Coverage for EE or dependent child's DV	SAFE: Coverage for EE or minor child/dependent's DV, harassment, sexual assault or stalking	SAFE: Coverage for EE's or family member's DV, sexual assault or stalking PHE: Coverage for	SAFE: Coverage for EE or family member's DV, sexual assault or stalking PHE: Coverage for closure of family	SAFE: Coverage for EE's or family member's DV, sexual violence, abuse or stalking	SAFE: Coverage for EE or family member's DV, sexual assault, or stalking PHE: Coverage	SAFE: Coverage for EE or a family member's DV, sexual assault or stalking	SAFE: Coverage for EE or family member's DV, sexual assault or stalking

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Other Purposes					<p>PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business or child's school or place of care; coverage to care for self or family member if would jeopardize health of community or if EE is excluded from the workplace for health reasons</p>	<p>closure of place of business or child's school or place of care; coverage to care for a family member exposed to a communicable disease</p> <p>Parental: Coverage for birth of a child, adoption or foster care placement; coverage to care for a newborn, newly adopted, or newly placed child within one year of birth, adoption, or placement</p>	<p>member's business or school for public health or safety reasons</p> <p>Other: Coverage for accompanying parent, grand-parent, spouse or parent-in-law to appointment related to long-term care</p>	<p>PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business or child's school or place of care; coverage to care for self or family member exposed to a communicable disease</p>	<p>for closure of place of business or child's school or place of care for any health-related reason</p>	<p>PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business or child's school or place of care; coverage to care for self or family member exposed to a communicable disease</p>	
Treatment of Collective Bargaining Agreements	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits; a CBA cannot waive the paid time requirements of the Act	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits; does not preempt or override the terms of any CBAs in effect prior to legislation's	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits; does not apply to an EE covered by a CBA if agreement expressly provides: (1) employment terms, (2) paid sick days or an equivalent leave	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits	Does not apply to workers covered by CBAs who are employed through a labor organization referral system and whose benefits are provided by a multi-employer-employee plan;	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide paid leave benefits that meet the minimum requirements	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits; does not preempt or override terms of a CBA in effect before January 1, 2017	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits; does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms; does not	Not specified	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater sick and safe leave time than required in bill; does not apply to construction EEs covered by	Does not apply to workers in the construction industry who are covered by a CBA that expressly waives requirements of the bill in clear and unambiguous terms

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	unless the CBA provides at least 3 paid days of sick time; does not apply to EEs in construction or building industry covered by a CBA; does not apply to existing CBAs until the earlier of the date of their expiration or 18 months after enactment	effective date	policy (3) arbitration of paid sick day disputes, (4) premium wage rates for all overtime hours worked, and (5) regular hourly rate not less than 30 percent more than state minimum wage rate; does not apply to an EE in the construction industry covered by a CBA if agreement provides (1), (4) and (5) if the agreement was either entered into before Jan. 1, 2015 or expressly waives requirement in clear and unambiguous terms		does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits			apply to existing CBAs until their expiration		a CBA	
Applicability to ER's Existing Policy	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets Act's accrual	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets Act's accrual requirement and	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that can be used for the same purposes and	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual requirement and	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that is substantially equivalent to or	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual requirement	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's use and accrual requirements and	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets statute's accrual requirements and	ERs are not prevented from providing more generous paid sick leave policies;	No additional time required if ER has a paid sick days policy that makes	No modification to an existing policy is required if ER provides paid time that meets accrual and use

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	requirement and that can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions	that can be used for the same purposes	under the same conditions and meets one of the following: (1) the Act's accrual, carry over, and use requirements; (2) provided equivalent time off before Jan. 1, 2015; or (3) is provided pursuant to the sick leave policy for state EEs	that can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions	more generous than the Act		can be used for same purposes, or paid time that is provided at the beginning of the year in same amount and can be used for same purposes	that can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions	applicability to other forms of paid time not specified	available the same amount of time that can be accrued under the law	requirements and that can be accessed and accrued at the same rate and used for the same purposes
Enforcement Agency & Mechanisms	DC Department of Employment Services, Office of Wage and Hour; agency will investigate possible violations , order reinstatement of terminated EEs, order payment, and impose penalties and fines against willful violators	Connecticut Department of Labor; file complaint with labor commissioner; relief includes civil penalties, back pay and reinstatement; EEs who do not earn paid time under the law but are covered by an ER's paid time policy and are employed by covered ERs are still protected by the anti-	California Office of Industrial Relations, Labor Commissioner's Office; EEs may file a complaint; Labor commissioner may investigate ERs; hearing is before labor commissioner, who may order payment of back pay, payment of unlawfully withheld paid sick days, reinstatement or fines up to \$4000 for withholding or	Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; EEs may file a complaint; Attorney general may obtain injunctive or declaratory relief, fines up to \$15,000, and civil citation; ER may appeal to attorney general's office	Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries; file a complaint; agency may investigate ERs and conduct mediation; if claim is for unpaid wages, agency may place a lien on ER's property; agency may provide for administrative proceeding; ER may appeal to court of appeals; relief includes fines up \$1,000 for willful violation	Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, Executive Director; EEs may file a complaint; agency will investigate claim and must attempt conciliation; relief includes damages and equitable relief; EE may appeal to commission	Vermont Department of Labor; EEs may file a complaint; agency will investigate claim and attempt to arrange a settlement between EE and ER; relief includes collection of unpaid wages, additional payment of up to twice the amount of unpaid wages for willful violations, fines up to \$5,000	Arizona Industrial Commission; any person or organization may file a complaint; commission or law enforcement officer may inspect and review business records; relief includes civil penalties of at least \$250 for a first violation and at least \$1,000 for each subsequent or willful violation; payment of	Washington Department of Labor and Industries; EE may file a complaint; director may inspect business records and may bring any legal action necessary to collect EE's claim; relief includes back pay and attorney's fees and court costs	Rhode Island Department of Labor, Division of Labor Standards; EE may file a complaint; Division will investigate; relief includes civil penalties of at least \$100	Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; EE may file a complaint with Commissioner of Labor and Industry; Commissioner can conduct investigation and attempt to resolve through mediation; Commissioner can issue an order to collect unpaid sick time, three times value of unpaid

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		retaliation provision in the law	violations					unlawfully withheld paid sick time, including interest, and an additional amount equal to twice the paid sick time; relief for retaliation includes at least \$150 for each day the violation occurred			earned sick time and a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each EE for whom ER not in compliance
Private Right of Action	Yes; may sue for back pay, damages, and/or reinstatement	Yes; may appeal administrative decision to Superior Court	Not specified; Labor commissioner or attorney general may file civil action in court of competent jurisdiction	Yes; ER may appeal administrative decision to Superior Court; EE may sue after exhausting administrative remedies for relief including injunctive relief, damages, and lost wages	Yes; may sue in court, which can impose relief including reinstatement, back pay, and injunctive relief	Yes; may sue in an appropriate court of law	No	Yes; may sue in court; relief includes payment of unpaid earned sick time, civil penalties, attorney's fees and court costs, and other appropriate legal or equitable relief	Not specified	Yes; may file suit (including class action) in civil court; relief includes payment of unpaid wages/benefits, compensatory damages, liquidated damages up to twice the amount of unpaid wages/benefits, reinstatement, attorneys' fees and costs and any other	Yes; Commissioner can bring action or ask attorney general to bring action and EE may bring action to enforce an order. Relief includes three times value of EEs unpaid sick time, punitive damages, attorney's fees and costs, injunctive relief and any other relief the court deems appropriate

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										appropriate relief	



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Key:

EE: employee; **ER:** employer; **SB:** small business; **LB:** large business; **FTE:** full-time equivalent; **DV:** domestic violence; **SAFE:** safe time coverage; **PHE:** public health emergency; **CBA:** collective bargaining agreement

Location	San Francisco, Calif. (2006, effective 2/2007; amended 2016, effective with expansions 1/2017)	Seattle, Wash. (2011) (effective 9/2012)	New York City, N.Y. (2013), (2014) (effective 4/2014)	Jersey City, N.J. (2013, effective 1/2014; amended 2015, effective with expansions 12/2015); Newark, N.J. (2014) (effective 5/2014); Irvington, N.J. (2014) (effective 1/2015); Passaic, N.J. (2014) (effective 1/2015); East Orange, N.J. (2014) (effective	San Diego, Calif. (2014) (effective 7/2016) ³	Oakland, Calif. (2014) (effective 3/2015)	Tacoma, Wash. (2015) (effective 2/2016)	Philadelphia, Pa. (2015) (effective 5/2015)	Emeryville, Calif. (2015) (effective 7/2015); Berkeley, Calif. (2016) (effective 10/2017)	Pittsburgh, Pa. (2015) ⁴	New Brunswick, N.J. (2015) (effective 1/2016)	Spokane, Wash. (2016) (effective 1/2017) ⁵	Santa Monica, Calif. (2016) (effective 1/2017)	Minneapolis, Minn. (2016) (effective 7/2017); St. Paul, Minn. (2016) (effective 7/2017 for LB, and 1/2018 for SB)	Los Angeles, Calif. (2016) (effective 7/2016)	Chicago, Ill. (2016) (effective 7/2017); Cook County, Ill. (2016) (effective 7/2017)

³ San Diego's ordinance was approved by voters via a June 2016 ballot measure and is expected to take effect as soon as the results are certified, the deadline for which is July 7, 2016.

⁴ Pittsburgh's ordinance was ruled invalid by an Allegheny County judge on December 21, 2015. Its implementation is on hold, pending appeal and rulings from higher state courts.

⁵ Spokane's ordinance was vetoed by Mayor David Condon on January 22, 2016, but the City Council voted to override the veto on January 25, 2016. The law will take effect as planned.

				1/2015); Paterson, N.J. (2014) (effective 1/2015); Trenton, N.J. (2014) (effective 7/2015); Montclair, N.J. (2014) (effective 3/2015); Bloomfield, N.J. (2015) (effective 6/2015); Elizabeth, N.J. (2015) (effective 3/2016); Plainfield, NJ (2016) (effective 7/2016); Morristown (2016) (effective 1/2017)												
Law/Bill Number	S.F. Admin. Code Ch. 12W; Initiative Ord. 160034	Ord. 123698	Int. 0097-2010; Int. 0001-2014	Ord. 13.097 & Ord. 15.145; Ord. 13-2010; Ord. MC 3513; Ord. 1998-14; Ord. 21; Ord. 14-040; Ord.	Municipal Code § 39.0101; Ord. No. O-20390	Municipal Code ch. 5.92	Ord. 28275	Ord. 141026	Ord. 15-004; Municipal Code ch. 13.100	File 2015-1825	Ord. 121501	Ord. No. 35300	Ord. No. 2515	File 15-01372; Ord. 16-29	Ord. No. 184320	Ord. O2016-2678; Ord. 16-4229

				14-45; Ord. Ch. 160; Ord. No. 4617; Ord. MC 2016-08; Ord. O-35-2016												
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Summary	EEs in the private sector accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked within the city and can accrue and use up to 40 or 72 hours, depending on ER's size. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care,	EEs whose place of business has five or more EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 to 40 hours worked and use up to 108 hours,	EEs whose place of business has five or more EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 40 hours. All others	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can accrue up to 24 or 40 hours, depending on ER's size, and use up to 40 hours. EEs in certain industries receive up to 40 hours	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and use up to 40 hours. Accrual is unlimited. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, for	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 40 or 72 hours, depending on ER's size.	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 24 hours. Covers sick	EEs whose place of business has 10 or more EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 40 hours. All others receive equivalent	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 48 or 72 hours, depending on ER's size. Covers sick time for EE or	EEs whose place of business has 15 or more EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 35 hours worked and can accrue up to 40 hours. All others	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 35 hours worked and can accrue up to 24 or 40 hours, depending on ER's size, and use up to 40 hours. Part-time	EEs whose place of business has 10 or more EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can use up to 40 hours. All others accrue at	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can accrue up to 32 or 40 hours in 2017, dependi	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can accrue up to 48 hours. (Minneapolis only: EEs whose place of business has five or fewer EEs must receive equivalent unpaid time.)	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 48 hours. Covers sick time for EE or family	EEs accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked and can accrue and use up to 40 hours. Covers sick time for EE or family

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	absences associated with EE's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking and purposes related to bone marrow or organ donation.	depending on ER's size. Accrual is unlimited. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, absences associated with domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, and closures due to a public	receive equivalent unpaid time. EEs in certain industries can accrue and use two paid days after one year of employment regardless of ER size. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care and closures due to a public	regardless of ER size. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, closures due to a public health emergency and care for a family member exposed to a communicable disease. ⁶	absences associated with domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, and closures due to a public health emergency.	Covers sick time for EE or family members' care.	time for EE or family members' care, closures due to a public health emergency and for absences associated with EE or family members' domestic violence	unpaid time. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care and for absences associated with EE or family members' domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.	family members' care and (Emeryville only) absences associated with EE's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking and care for EE or family members' service dog.	accrue at the same rate up to 24 unpaid hours in the first year the law is in effect, followed by 24 paid hours after the first year. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, closures due to a public health	EEs may only accrue up to 24 hours a year regardless of ER size. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, closures due to a public health emergency, care for a family member exposed to a communica	the same rate and can use up to 24 hours. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, absences associated with EE or family member's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, closures due to a public	ng on ER's size, and up to 40 or 72 hours from 2018 onward. There is no annual cap on use of paid sick time. Covers sick time for EE or family member	There is no annual cap on use of paid sick time, but EEs can have no more than 80 accrued but unused hours at one time. Covers sick time for EE or family members' care, absences associated with EE or family member's domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking and closures due	members' care and for absences associated with EE's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.	members' care, absences associated with EE or family member being the victim of domestic violence or a sex offense (Chicago) /domestic violence, sexual violence or stalking (Cook County),

⁶ Jersey City does not cover sick time to care for a family member exposed to a communicable disease.

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		health emergency.	health emergency.				, sexual assault or stalking.			emergency and care for a family member exposed to a communicable disease.	ble disease and absences associated with EE or family member's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.	health emergency and bereavement leave in connection with a family member.	s' care and for absences associated with EE's domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.	to a public health emergency or other unexpected cause, such as inclement weather or loss of power, heating or water.		or closures due to a public health emergency.
Impact	Approx. 59,000 workers formerly without sick time gained it through this law. ^{xii}	Approx. 150,000 workers formerly without sick time gained it through this law. ^{xiii}	Approx. 1,200,000 workers formerly without sick time gained it through this law. ^{xiv}	More than 187,200 workers formerly without sick time gained it through these laws. ^{xv}	Approx. 433,500 workers will receive more expansive protections than those provided under	Approx. 56,000 workers formerly without sick time will gain it through this	Approx. 40,000 workers formerly without sick time will gain it through this	Approx. 200,000 workers formerly without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{xix}	Approx. 5,000 workers in Emeryville will receive more expansive protections than those provided	Approx. 50,000 workers formerly without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{xxii}	Approx. 9,500 workers formerly without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{xxiii}	Approx. 40,000 workers formerly without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{xxiv}	Approx. 11,900 workers will receive more expansive protections	Approx. 62,000 workers in Minneapolis formerly without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{xxvi} Approx. 68,300	Approx. 650,000 workers will receive more expansive protections than	Approx. 460,000 workers in Chicago formerly without sick time will gain it

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					California's law. ^{xvi}	law. ^{xvii}	law. ^{xviii}		under California's law. ^{xx} Approx. 18,500 workers in Berkeley will receive more expansive protections than those provided under California's law. ^{xxi}				than those provided under California's law. ^{xxv}	workers in St. Paul formerly without sick time will gain it through this law. ^{xxvii}	those provided under California's law. ^{xxviii}	through this law. ^{xxix} Approx. 440,000 workers in Cook County formerly without paid sick time will gain it through this law. ^{xxx}
Exemptions	--	Does not apply to new ERs with fewer than 250 EEs; businesses have a	Does not apply to EEs of any governmental entity; work-study students; independent	Does not apply to EEs of any governmental entity; construction EEs covered	Does not apply to EEs employed at less than minimum wage; publicly	Does not apply to EEs who work less than two hours in a week in Oakland;	Does not apply to EEs of any governmental entity;	Does not apply to EEs covered by a CBA; independent contractors; seasonal workers;	Does not apply to EEs who work less than two hours in a year in the city; EEs	Does not apply to seasonal EEs; state and federal employees; independent	Does not apply to EEs of any governmental entity; construction EEs covered by	Does not apply to EEs who work less than 240 hours in a year in Spokane;	Does not apply to EEs who work less than two	Does not apply to EEs who work less than 80 hours in a year in the city for their employer;	Does not apply to EEs who work less than two hours a week in Los	Does not apply to EEs who have worked less than 80 hours for an ER

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		period of 24 months after the hire date of first EE to comply	nt contractors ; certain physical, occupational and speech therapists	by a CBA; ⁷ EEs who work less than 80 hours in a year in the city	subsidized short-term youth employment program EEs; any student EE, camp counselor, or program counselor of an organized camp; independent contractors	EEs not entitled to minimum wage under Calif. law	work-study participant; independent contractors; self-employed; EEs who work less than 80 hours in a year in Tacoma	adjunct professors; temporary workers; interns; pool EEs, EEs who work less than 40 hours in a year in Philadelphia	not entitled to minimum wage under Calif. law ⁸	contractors ; construction EEs covered by a CBA	a CBA; EEs who work less than 20 hours per week; EEs who work from home; independent contractors ; per diem/temporary hospital EEs	seasonal or domestic workers; independent contractors ; EEs of any governmental entity; work-study students; construction EEs; businesses that open after the effective date have a one-year period after the registration	hours in a week in Santa Monica; EEs of any governmental entity; hotel workers; EEs not entitled to minimum wage under Calif. law	independent contractors; EEs of the federal, state, county or local government (but does apply to City employees).	Angeles for their ER; EEs not entitled to minimum wage under Calif. law; EEs who have not worked for the same ER for at least 30 days within a year of commencement	in a 120-day period; EEs who perform less than two hours of work within city boundaries in a two-week period; construction EEs covered by a CBA

⁷ Irvington does not exempt construction EEs covered by a CBA.

⁸ Berkeley covers EEs who are not entitled to minimum wage but who are participants in a Welfare-to-Work program.

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												of their business to comply			of employment	
Accrual Rate and Maximum Accrual	<p>SB (1-9 EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p> <p>LB (10 or more EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 72 hours</p>	<p>Tier 1 (5-49 FTEs): One hour for every 40 hours worked, can use up to 40 hours</p> <p>Tier 2 (50-249 FTEs): One hour for every 40 hours worked, can use up to 56 hours</p>	<p>SB (1-4 EEs)⁹: One hour of <i>unpaid</i> time off for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p> <p>LB (5 or more EEs): One hour of paid time off for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p>	<p>SB (1-9 EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 24 hours</p> <p>LB (10 or more EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p> <p>Child care, home health care and food service workers: One hour for every</p>	One hour for every 30 hours worked, can use up to 40 hours, accrue unlimited ¹⁰	<p>SB (1-9 EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p> <p>LB (10 or more EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 72 hours</p>	One hour for every 40 hours worked, up to 24 hours	<p>SB (1-9 EEs): One hour of <i>unpaid</i> time off for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p> <p>LB (10 or more EEs): One hour of paid time off for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p>	<p>SB (1-55 EEs in Emeryville/ 1-24 EEs in Berkeley): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 48 hours</p> <p>LB (56 or more EEs in Emeryville/ 25 or more EEs in Berkeley): One hour for every</p>	<p>SB (1-14 EEs): One hour of time off for every 35 hours worked. During first year in effect, EEs can accrue up to 24 <i>unpaid</i> hours; after one year, EEs can accrue up to 24 hours</p>	<p>SB (5 FTEs to 9 EEs): One hour for every 35 hours worked, up to 24 hours</p> <p>LB (10 or more EEs): One hour for every 35 hours worked, up to 40 hours (24 hours for part-time EEs)</p>	<p>SB (1-9 EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, can use up to 24 hours</p> <p>LB (10 or more EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, can use up to 40 hours</p>	<p>SB (1-25 EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 32 hours in 2017 and up to 40 hours from 2018 onward</p> <p>LB (26 or more EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 48 hours</p>	<p>SB (1-5 EEs) in Minneapolis: One hour of <i>unpaid</i> time off for every 30 hours worked, up to 48 hours</p> <p>LB (6 or more EEs) in Minneapolis and all ERs in St. Paul: One hour of paid time off for every 30 hours worked, up to 48 hours</p>	One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 48 hours	One hour for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours

⁹ For certain chain businesses and franchises, all workers in the chain/franchise are counted together to determine if it is considered a SB.

¹⁰ The definition of "employer" exempts people who receive in-home support services.

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		<p>Tier 3 (250 or more FTEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, can use up to 72 hours</p> <p>Tier 3 with paid time off (PTO) policy: One hour for every 30 hours worked, can use up to 108 hours</p>	<p>to 40 hours</p> <p>Domestic Workers: Receive two days of paid time off after one year worked, then continue to receive two days/year</p>	<p>30 hours worked, up to 40 hours</p>					<p>30 hours worked, up to 72 hours</p>	<p>to 24 <i>paid</i> hours</p> <p>LB (15 or more EEs): One hour of <i>paid</i> time off for every 35 hours worked, can accrue up to 40 hours</p>			<p>EEs): One hour for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours in 2017 and up to 72 hours from 2018 onward</p>	<p>NOTE (Minneapolis only): For five years after the law's effective date, new ERs in their first year of business (other than chain establishments) are only required to provide unpaid sick time.</p> <p>NOTE (St. Paul only): New ERs are only required to provide unpaid sick</p>		

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														time for a period of six months after the hire date of their first EE. This provision sunsets on January 1, 2023.		
Waiting Period for Accrual and Use	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employment	Accrued hours may be used 180 days after commencement of employment	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 120 days after commencement of	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employe	Accrual begins on March 2, 2015, and can be used immediately; if hired after, accrual begins at	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employment	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employe	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days after commencement of employe	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 120 days after commencement of	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; ER may require EEs to complete probationary period of up to 90	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours may be used 90 days	Accrual begins at commencement of employment; accrued hours	

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			employment	employment ¹¹	nt	commencement of employment and hours may be used 90 days after commencement	180 days after commencement of employment		nt	nt	employment	days before using accrued hours	days after commencement of employment		after commencement of employment	may be used 180 days after commencement of employment

¹¹ Plainfield provides that accrued hours may be used on the 100th calendar day of employment.

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Family Members Covered Other Than Self, Child, Spouse or Parent	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; child or parent of spouse or domestic partner; legal ward; legal guardian; person with whom EE is in a relationship of in loco parentis; "designated person"	Domestic partner; grandparent; parent-in-law	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; child or parent of spouse or domestic partner	Domestic or civil union partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; child or parent of spouse or domestic or civil union partner; grandparent's spouse or domestic or civil union partner; legal ward; legal guardian of EE or spouse or domestic or civil union partner; person with whom EE was or is in a	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; child or parent of a spouse or domestic partner; legal ward; legal guardian; person with whom EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; child of domestic partner; legal ward; legal guardian; person with whom EE is in a relationship of in loco parentis; "designated person"	Domestic partner; grandparent; legal ward; person with whom EE is in a relationship of in loco parentis	Life partner; sibling; spouse of sibling; grandparent; grandchild; parent-in-law; legal guardian; spouse of grandparent; person with whom EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; legal ward; legal guardian of EE or spouse; person with whom EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis; "designated person"	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; child or parent of spouse or domestic partner; grandparent's spouse or domestic partner; legal ward; legal guardian of EE or spouse or domestic partner; person with whom	Domestic or civil union partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; child or parent of spouse or domestic or civil union partner; grandparent's spouse or domestic or civil union partner; legal ward; legal guardian of	Domestic partner; grandparent; grandchild	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; legal ward; parent of spouse or domestic or domestic partner; legal guardian of EE, spouse or domestic partner; person	Domestic partner; sibling; parent-in-law; grandchild; grandparent <i>Minneapolis only:</i> Guardian; ward; members of the EE's household <i>St. Paul only:</i> Individual related to the EE by blood or affinity whose close association with the EE is equivalent to a family	Domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; grandchild; legal ward; parent of spouse or domestic partner; legal guardian of EE, spouse or domestic partner; person with whom EE was or is in a	Domestic partner; legal guardian; legal ward; parent of spouse or domestic partner; sibling; grandparent; person related by blood or whose close association with EE is equivalent to a

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				relationship of in loco parentis ¹²						EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis; any person for whom EE has received permission from ER to care	EE or spouse; person with whom EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis		with whom EE was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis	relationship	relationship of in loco parentis; individual related to the EE by blood or affinity or whose close association with the EE is equivalent to a family relationship	family relationship; child to whom EE stands in loco parentis
Safe Time Coverage	SAFE: Coverage for EE's DV, sexual	SAFE: Coverage for EE's or	PHE: Coverage for closure	PHE: Coverage for closure of	SAFE: Coverage for EE's or	--	SAFE: Coverage for EE	SAFE: Coverage for EE or family	SAFE (Emeryville only):	PHE: Coverage for closure	SAFE: Coverage for EE or	SAFE: Coverage for EE or	SAFE: Coverage for	SAFE: Coverage for EE or family	SAFE: Coverage for EE's	SAFE: Coverage for EE or

¹² East Orange does not cover relationships of in loco parentis.

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e, Coverage for Public Health Emergency and/or Coverage for Other Purposes	assault or stalking Other: Coverage for EE's or family member's bone marrow or organ donation	family member's DV, sexual assault or stalking PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business or child's school or place of care	of place of business or child's school or place of care	place of business or child's school or place of care; coverage to care for a family member exposed to a communicable disease ¹³	family member's DV, sexual assault or stalking PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business or child's school or place of care		or family member's DV PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business or child's school or place of care	member's DV, sexual assault or stalking	Coverage for EE's DV, sexual assault or stalking Other (Emeryville only): Care for EE's or family member's service dog	of place of business or child's school or place of care; coverage to care for a family member exposed to a communicable disease	family member's DV, sexual assault or stalking PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business or child's school or place of care; coverage to care for a family member exposed to a communicable disease	family member's DV, sexual assault or stalking PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business or child's school or place of care Other: Bereavement leave in connection with family member	EE's DV, sexual assault or stalking	member's domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business or family member's school or place of care Other: Coverage for unexpected closure of family member's school or	DV, sexual assault or stalking	family member being the victim of domestic violence or a sex offense (Chicago) /sexual violence or stalking (Cook County) PHE: Coverage for closure of place of business

¹³ Jersey City does not cover sick time to care for a family member exposed to a communicable disease.

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														place of care due to inclement weather, loss of power, loss of heating, loss of water or other reason		or child's school or place of care Other: If ER is covered by federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), EE can carry over up to 40 hours of unused accrued time, in addition to any

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																	other carryover allowed under the ordinance, to use exclusively for FMLA purposes
Treatment of Collective Bargaining Agreements	Does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms	Does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms; does not	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits; does not apply to EEs in	Does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms; ¹⁴ does not apply to any member of a	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits	Does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms	Does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms	Does not apply to workers covered by CBAs	Does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms	Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits; does not apply to any	Does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms; does not	Does not waive, limit or preempt rights provided by a CBA	Does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms	Does not apply to EEs in construction industry who receive at least the prevailing wage rate or rate established by a registered	Does not specifically mention treatment of CBAs	Does not affect validity or change terms of CBA already in force; after effective	

¹⁴ Plainfield only requires that the CBA expressly waive the law's protections.

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		diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits	construction or grocery industry if CBA expressly waives requirements; for other EEs, does not apply if CBA expressly waives requirements and provides a comparable benefit; does not apply to existing CBAs until	construction union covered by a CBA; ¹⁵ does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits; does not apply to existing CBAs until their expiration			guous terms			member of a construction union covered by a CBA	apply to any member of a construction union covered by a CBA; does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits; does not apply to existing CBAs until their expiration		guous terms	apprenticeship agreement <i>Minneapolis only:</i> Does not specifically mention treatment of CBAs <i>St. Paul only:</i> Does not diminish obligations under CBAs that provide greater benefits		date, does not apply if CBA explicitly waives requirements in clear and unambiguous terms; does not apply to EE in construction industry covered by a CBA

¹⁵ Jersey City and Irvington do not exempt members of a construction union covered by a CBA.

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			their expiration													
Applicability to ER's Existing Policy	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual requirement and that can be used for the same purposes	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets Act's use and accrual requirements and that can be used for the same purposes and under the same	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's requirements and that can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual requirement; time can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions ¹⁶ <i>East Orange, Paterson, Trenton and Montclair only: Policy must</i>	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets Act's accrual and use requirements and that can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual, carry over and use requirements and that can be used for the same	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual and use requirements, that can be used for the same purpose	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual requirement and meets all other conditions of the ordinance	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets Act's accrual, carry over, and use requirements and that can be used for the same purposes and (Emeryville	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual requirement and that can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions	No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual requirements and that can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions	No additional time required if ER allows shift-swapping or provides paid time in the same amounts and for the same purposes	Does not prevent ER from adopting or retaining leave policy that is more generous	Does not prevent ER from adopting or retaining leave policy that meets or exceeds and does not otherwise conflict with bill's minimum standards and requirements <i>Minneapolis only: No additional time required if ER provides paid time that</i>	Does not prevent ER from retaining leave policy that the Office of Wage Standards determines is overall more generous even if it does not meet all of the	No additional paid leave required if ER provides paid time off in amount and manner that meets bill's requirements

¹⁶ Paterson does not require that ER-provided paid time can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions.

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		conditions		also meet bill's use requirements		purposes and under the same conditions	s and under the same conditions, and is approved by the city		only) under the same conditions					meets bill's minimum standards and requirements <i>St. Paul only:</i> No additional time required if ER provides paid time that meets bill's accrual and carry over requirements and that can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions	bill's requirements	

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Enforcement Agency & Mechanisms	San Francisco Office of Labor Standards Enforcement; EE may file a complaint; agency will adjudicate and administer penalties against ERs	Seattle Office for Civil Rights; EEs may file a complaint; adjudication before hearing examiner	NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA); EEs may file a complaint; ER can settle violation with DCA without hearing; hearing is before DCA's Adjudication Tribunal	Newark Department of Child and Family Well-Being; Irvington Department of Neighborhood Services; Jersey City/Passaic/East Orange/Paterson/Trenton/Montclair/Bloomfield/Elizabeth Departments of Health and Human Services/Plainfield Department of Administration and Finance,	City Council will designate the enforcement office; EEs may file a complaint; civil penalties against ER ranging from \$100-\$2,000/violation or person	Not yet determined; EEs may file a complaint	Tacoma finance director; EEs may file a charge; agency may issue citation, order credit of or payment of unlawfully withheld paid sick days with one percent interest	Not yet determined; EEs may file a complaint; agency will investigate ERs, provide ERs 60 days to remedy violation, and conduct mediation; relief includes fines and reinstatement and restitution	Not yet determined; city may promulgate guidelines and rules for implementation and enforcement; EEs may file a complaint; (Emeryville only) city may investigate ERs; relief includes fines between \$500-\$1,000/EE; city may	Office of the City Controller or a Department or entity designated by the mayor; EEs may file a complaint; agency will investigate claim; relief includes fines up to \$100/offense for willful violators, reinstatement and restitution	New Brunswick Department of Planning, Community and Economic Development; agency may file claim before Municipal Court; relief includes fines up to \$2,000; relief includes payment of unlawfully withheld paid sick	Not yet determined; enforcement procedures to be determined by City Council and administration by October 1, 2016; relief includes fines up to \$261, with a tripled penalty for retaliation and a doubled penalty for subsequent	Not specified; penalties for misdemeanor violations include fines between \$150-\$500/violation and/or imprisonment in the County Jail for up to six months; penalties for	Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights, St. Paul Department of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity; EEs may file a complaint within 365 days of violation; department may investigate reported or suspected violations; investigation may require a fact finding conference or other process;	Office of Wage Standards of the Bureau of Contract Administration; agency may promulgate guidelines and rules for implementation, but enforcement mechanism is not specifically	Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection; Cook County Commission on Human Rights; violators in Chicago subject to fines of \$500-\$1,000/violation; violators in Cook

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				<p>Division of Health & Social Services; Morristown Department of Administration</p> <p>Agency may file claim before Municipal Court;¹⁷ relief includes fines up to \$2000¹⁸</p> <p><i>Irvington, Paterson, Trenton, Montclair, Bloomfield,</i></p>			for payment per month and fines up to \$250 or up to twice the value of unpaid leave		file claim before a court of competent jurisdiction; relief includes injunctive relief, damages and civil penalties		time; EEs must file a complaint with the agency before bringing action in Municipal Court	offenses; license officer may refuse to issue, revoke or refuse to renew business license if ER has violated the ordinance five times in the past 10 years	infractio ns include fines of \$100-\$250/vi olation; each day of violation is considered a separate offense; violators may be subject to administrative citation	director may order relief, including reinstatement, payment of unlawfully withheld paid sick time, liquidated damages up to \$250 or twice the amount of unpaid wages, whichever is greater. If the ER does not comply with department's final determination, department	addresse d	County subject to fines of \$100-\$500/viol ation

¹⁷ Newark's law is silent as to whether the enforcement department may file a claim before the Municipal Court.

¹⁸ Exceptions: Newark's and Irvington's maximum fines are \$1,000, East Orange's maximum fine is \$500, Elizabeth's maximum fine is \$1,250, and Plainfield's maximum fine is \$750. Jersey City also allows for up to 90 days of community service.

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				<p><i>Elizabeth, Plainfield and Morristown only:</i> Relief includes payment of unlawfully withheld paid sick time</p> <p><i>Jersey City only:</i> EEs may call department; agency will pro-actively audit and investigate workplaces</p> <p><i>Paterson only:</i> Relief includes imprisonment for up to 90 days</p>										<p>may refer action to city attorney to bring suit for both legal and equitable relief</p> <p><i>Minneapolis only:</i> Administrative penalties payable to EE of up to \$1,500 per violation; administrative fines payable to the city of up to \$50 for each day a violation continued after ER received</p>		

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														<p>notice and was given time to comply; EE may appeal to an administrative hearing officer.</p> <p><i>St. Paul only:</i> Administrative fines payable to the City up to \$1,000; and fines payable to EE up to \$1,000 or 10 percent of unpaid wages, whichever is greater</p>		

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Private Right of Action	Yes; may sue for back pay, damages, and/or reinstatement	No	No	Yes; may sue in Municipal Court, ¹⁹ which can impose fines or penalties; can impose any further relief including restitution, reinstatement, injunctive and declaratory relief ²⁰	Yes; may sue for back pay, damages and/or reinstatement	Yes; may sue private ERs in court, which can impose fines or penalties up to \$1000/violation or any further relief including back pay, reinstatement, and injunctive	No	Yes; may sue in court of competent jurisdiction after exhausting administrative remedies for relief including payment of unlawfully withheld paid sick days, lost wages and benefits, reinstatement, back pay, injunctive relief, liquidated damages up	Yes; may sue in court, which can impose relief including reinstatement, back pay, injunctive relief and civil penalties	No	Yes; after filing complaint with the agency, may sue in Municipal Court, which can impose fines or penalties; can impose any further relief including restitution, reinstatement, injunctive and declaratory	Not yet determined ; City Council and administration to determine enforcement procedures by October 1, 2016	Yes; may sue in court of competent jurisdiction for legal and equitable relief including payment of unlawfully withheld sick time, back	<i>Minneapolis only:</i> Yes; may appeal final administrative decision to Minnesota Court of Appeals <i>St. Paul only:</i> Yes; may bring civil action in district court and may recover damages, including reasonable attorney's fees, and may receive injunctive and	Not specified	Yes; may bring civil action in court and recover three times the value of any unpaid sick time denied or lost in damages, with interest, along with costs and reasonable attorney

¹⁹ Jersey City allows plaintiffs to sue in any court of competent jurisdiction.

²⁰ Jersey City does not specify the relief available. Newark and Bloomfield only allow the possibility to seek restitution.

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						relief		to \$2000, and attorney's fees			relief		pay, penalties of up to \$100 per person for each day their rights were violated, reinstatement, injunctive relief, reasonable attorney's fees and costs; monies and penalties	other equitable relief		fees

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CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Comments of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Pertaining to HB 1727 HD1 -- Relating to Labor
Senate Committee on Labor
Scheduled for hearing Thursday, March 15, 2018, 2:45 PM, Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on **HB 1727 HD1**, which would require employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care, or due to a public health emergency.

Hawai'i Appleseed supports strong paid sick leave legislation, as low-income workers are the least likely to already have paid sick days, while having the greatest financial need for them. According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, nine states, the District of Columbia, and a county of over a million people have passed paid sick leave laws. Hawai'i should join them.

However, none of the above-mentioned jurisdictions exempt employers who pay their employees a certain amount above the minimum wage, as is seen in this bill. With our state's median wage at \$19.24 in 2016, this provision would effectively exclude a majority of workers in this state from its requirements.

All 11 of the above-mentioned jurisdictions also permit workers to begin accruing paid sick leave on the first day on the job. In contrast, this bill would require employees to work more than 680 hours (over 4 months of full-time employment) in a year in order to accrue paid sick days. This would mean that many workers – especially part-time and those who string together multiple part-time jobs – would not get meaningful access to paid sick leave.

This bill also would exempt workplaces with fewer than 50 employees. Of the above-referenced 11 jurisdictions, as well as dozens of cities with paid sick leave laws, only one has such a large exemption.

One of the most important benefits of paid sick leave laws are the protection of consumers and the general public from contagious illnesses, such as the flu, that are often spread by food and customer service workers who, without paid sick days, have no choice but to work while sick. This bill excludes so many workers that its effectiveness in helping address a public health emergency would be seriously undermined.

This bill also would give employers the discretion to decide how to allow their employees to take this leave. This leaves employees with no clear path for recourse in the event that they were not allowed to take the paid sick days that they earned. Without adequate definitions and parameters, the implementation of this law would be confusing and very difficult to enforce.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments.

The Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice is committed to a more socially just Hawai'i, where everyone has genuine opportunities to achieve economic security and fulfill their potential. We change systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice through policy development, advocacy, and coalition building.



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March 13, 2018

Senate Committee on Labor

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 229

Subject: Comments Regarding HB 1727, HD1, Relating to Labor

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English, and Committee Members:

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii (ACECH) represents more than 65 engineering consulting firms with over 1,500 employees throughout Hawaii. Virtually all of our member firm employees earn more than the minimum wage and most of our member firms already provide paid sick leave or paid time off (PTO) to their full-time and half-time staff, as part of a competitive compensation package.

Of the numerous paid sick leave bills that have been introduced this Session, we prefer the current bill because it would provide paid sick leave benefits to those who need it most, i.e. minimum wage workers, without significantly increasing employers' administrative effort and costs; and because the current bill preserves employers' ability to create flexible compensation and benefits packages.

Specifically, we support the proposed Applicability language on page 14, item 6 and would recommend that the proposed chapter should not apply to employer that pays employees more than the amounts indicated above the minimum wage; or employs less than **50** employees.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF HAWAII



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Labor
Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 2:45 P.M.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 1727 HD1 RELATING TO LABOR

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly opposes** HB 1727 HD1, which requires employers to provide the workers with paid sick leave.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

This is another mandated benefit that will increase the cost to employers and could stifle job growth. In our previous testimony for this measure we noted that many small companies do not have a large administrative staff to help manage this new benefit. We appreciate that this bill has been amended to exclude employers that employ less than 50 employees from paid sick leave requirements; however, this bill still creates a huge burden on employers, such as retail merchants and restaurant operators, to administratively manage the accumulation and usage of sick leave for minimum wage workers.

The Chamber also opposes a provision in the HD1 that establishes a graduated wage increase above the prevailing minimum wage that an employer must meet to be excluded from such a mandate. Based on the current minimum wage of \$10.10, which was just implemented this year, employers will have to pay an employee more than \$11.75 in 2019, \$13.25 in 2020, and \$15.00 in 2021 to be excluded from the sick leave requirements specified in this measure. When you combine these requirements with existing employer mandates, such as prepaid health care, these additional costs will simply be too much for many businesses to bear.

We also oppose the reasons for which workers may utilize sick leave that are beyond the employee's health. Sick leave is generally a benefit for the employee to take care of their own health. This provision provides a broader leave which will only provide additional burden to employers and may reduce benefits and compensation in other ways.



Chamber *of* Commerce HAWAII

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While most workers utilize their sick leave only when ill, there is a percentage of workers who abuse this benefit. CareerBuilder.com reported that 1 in 4 workers consider sick leave to be vacation time. This bill would make it very difficult for employers to manage their employees and the benefits provided.

We respectfully ask that this bill be deferred. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TO:
Committee on Labor
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: Thursday, March 15, 2018
TIME: 2:45pm
PLACE: Conference Room 229

RE: HB 1727 Relating to Labor

Position: Oppose

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

Our member employers understand that employees will require occasional leave from work due to a legitimate sickness or other reasons, and generally accommodate and work with them.

This bill's approach will hinder an employer's flexibility in providing sick leave, or other kinds of leave, and will result in additional costs, both directly and indirectly. Full time employees already traditionally receive paid sick leave as an earned benefit. Mandating it for part time and hourly employees would greatly increase costs to employers and could end up having negative consequences.

This measure would place a huge administrative burden on employers, which is also a financial drain that they would have to make up for in other areas. For many businesses, especially small businesses, this could mean that they would no longer be able to afford to employ as many people and would be forced to eliminate jobs, or cut wages and eliminate other discretionary benefits. Even worse, for vulnerable companies on the "tipping point," any increase may force them to close.

In order to compensate for the dramatic increase in labor costs that this bill would cause many businesses would also have no choice but to raise prices. Our members work hard to feed the people of Hawaii and we believe it is important to avoid taking unnecessary actions that could make groceries more expensive for Hawaii families.

There is also unfortunately potential for abuse of this type of sick leave system. Currently many employers simply offer leave to employees who have earned it and they are free to take it as vacation, and when they need it for health reasons. Specifying that all employees have access to leave only to be used when they're sick means that employers would likely need to seek some kind of medical documentation in order to prevent abuse of the sick leave program. This is inconvenient for employees and adds yet more administrative efforts and costs for the employer.

This measure and other mandates that create additional costs aren't just bad for individual businesses; they hinder economic progress, job growth, and entrepreneurial activity in Hawaii, and deter business investment in our State.

In light of this, we respectfully request that this measure be held. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Labor
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 2:45 pm
State Capitol, Room 229

Testimony on Opposition to HB 1727 HD1, Relating to Labor

To: The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the local trade association for 57 Hawaii credit unions, representing over 800,000 credit union members across the state.

We are in opposition to HB 1727 HD1, Relating to Labor. While we appreciate and understand the intent of this bill to allow for various types of paid leave in the workplace, we are concerned about the cost, management, and oversight of such a system. Many employers already offer generous paid leave packages to employees. Having a requirement in the law such as this may have an unintended, adverse effect on employees who already receive paid leave through their employer.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1727-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2018 3:35:26 PM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Hanada	Testifying for Aloha Shell Service	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose

We take pride in paying for 100% of our employee health insurance which includes any employee and their entire family. Although it places a tremendous financial burden on our 51 year old small family run, 35 employee business, we believe it is important to provide as much as we can to our fellow employees. This decision is voluntary.

To mandate a costly policy is not in the best interest of an employee especially when the employer can not afford it. There will be a cut from one benefit to provide for another. The paid sick leave should be left up to the individual business.

Thank you.

Paul Hanada CEO



To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

From: Jozette Montalvo
Hawaii Petroleum, Inc-Human Resources Director
RE: HB1727 Relating to the Sick Leave

Date: March 13, 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Hawaii Petroleum Company is an independent petroleum marketer operating on the islands of Maui and Hawaii, with approximately 325 employees on two islands. We operate sixteen Minit Stop convenience stores throughout the islands of Maui and Hawaii.

Hawaii Petroleum **opposes HB1727** for the following reasons.

This bill would add tremendous cost to organizations and these costs would eventually need to be passed onto our customers in the form of higher prices. In addition to higher cost, employers will be forced to turn to automation to reduce cost resulting in less opportunity for new and/or unskilled workers to enter the workforce. Also, this bill will limit employee's opportunity to pick up additional shifts because of the higher labor costs. In addition to this, this bill creates tremendous additional administrative burdens on employers already administratively taxed to comply with all other laws that we are mandated to follow. We already have measures in place to provide "leaves" to our employees and we comply with leave laws such as the Family Medical Leave Act, as well as the Hawaii Family Leave Law. An additional "leave" law is not necessary and will conflict with what is already in place.

Keeping our Convenience Stores fully staffed is already a challenging feat. Incentivizing employees to stay home with pay for their own illness as well as their family members, will further hinder our ability to adequately staff our stores.

For these very reasons, I kindly ask that you vote **NO** on **HB1727**.

Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 3/14/2018 8:42:34 AM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Ai	Testifying for City Mill Co., Ltd.	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chairperson Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Labor,

My name is Carol Ai May and I am a co-owner and family member of the 119-year old Kama'aina firm, City Mill Company, Ltd. We employ about 400 members of the Oahu community.

We strongly oppose HB 1727 HD1 Relating to Labor. This bill would severely affect our ability to stay competitive in this market. We are already facing big challenges from the big box stores and from ecommerce. Our strength is our customer service and we have not yet moved toward more automation to reduce our labor force. We have generous employee benefits in place, including paid sick leave. Our minimum pay is above the states minimum requirement and continuing to increase minimum pay only serves to increase our payroll, which is our largest expense. That is because everyone's wage needs to be increased when minimum pay increases.

We have been a "Best Place to Work" for 10 years and would like to continue doing business in this community. We believe we have provided a good service to the community with our 9 Oahu store locations (including Simply Organized) with helpful, knowledgeable customer service (we teach our employees how to fix things) and active participations/volunteerism with non-profit social services and the community at large.

Please hold this bill.

Thank you for allowing me to testify. Aloha, Carol Ai May



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To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Labor

From: Victor Lim, Legislative Chair
Hawaii Restaurant Association

Subj: HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

Date: March 14, 2018

The Hawaii Restaurant Association representing about 3,500 restaurants here in Hawaii opposes HB1727 HD1 which requires businesses to provide paid sick leave.

In an environment of many long time restaurants closing each week this year due to the very tough economic environment due to increases in wage costs and escalating mandated cost like our runaway pre-paid health care costs.

We also oppose the graduated wage increases above the prevailing minimum wage that an employer must provide, \$11.75 in 2019, \$ 13.25 in 2020, and \$ 15.00 in 2021 to be also excluded from such a mandate. This is not something that many of our members can absorb and be able to continue to be in business in our community.

We ask that you defer this very anti-business bill and thank you for this opportunity to share our view.

Aloha.



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Submitted on: 3/14/2018 8:54:35 AM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neil Ishida	Testifying for ABC Stores	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairperson Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Labor.

ABC Stores strongly opposes HB 1721 HD1 relating to Labor. If this measure is passed, entry level position jobs will become fewer over time as many small businesses will see the incentive to eliminate entry level positions. Policy makers should be focusing on eliminating obstacles to business growth, job creation, economic stability, and not adding additional cost that employers cannot afford.



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Statement of
Jimmy Chan
General Manager/Owner
Hawaiian Chip Company, LLC
before the
Senate Labor Committee
Thursday, March 15, 2018
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
House Bill No. 1727 HD1
Relating to Labor

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English and Members:

The Hawaiian Chip Company opposes HB 1727 HD1, Relating to Labor.

My name is Jimmy Chan and I am the owner and founding member of the Hawaiian Chip Company, which manufactures and sells taro and sweet potato chips and hot sauces. I have a small business that provides good jobs for 16 full-time employees. All positions in my company, including the very top positions, require no more than a middle-school level education because training is provided in-house. Our company has fostered a culture that acknowledges that the best way for employees to make more money and advance within the company is to either work more hours or produce better quality work to earn more per hour. This bill undermines this effort because it creates financial hardship for the company and increases the burden on management.

The intent of HB 1727 HD1 represents a nice ideal but puts us on a path that will ultimately cost 16 employees at Hawaiian Chip Company their jobs. The recent increase in minimum wage forced the company to trim three jobs of the least reliable and lowest performers at the end of 2017. Increasing wages for the lowest performers leaves less available to pay the highest performers. Requiring employers to provide paid time off would exacerbate this problem. Making up for the time taken off would be costly because the labor force is already in short supply. This bill would require employers to spend more time trying to find additional workers and possibly lose production time by not having enough workers available to maximize efficiency. An alternative solution to dealing with this would be to eliminate some full-time positions and overstaff the company with part timers.

Exempting small businesses from the requirement to provide mandatory paid sick leave does not alleviate the impact and burden on small business. I already provide comparable accrued paid time off to what is being proposed to attract desirable labor. If other

companies provide mandatory paid sick leave, my company will lose one of the few competitive advantages it has in recruiting talent. This nullifies the benefit any exemption is intended to provide to small businesses.

The existing burdens on small businesses are great. I have already started to shift the production of my Kilauea Fire Hot Sauce to the mainland because of recent minimum wage increases. Instead of building a sauce factory in Hawaii that could employ another 16 employees, it is simply more profitable to have the sauce manufactured on the mainland.

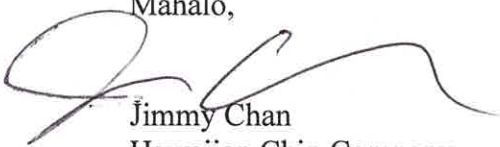
Adding additional burdens on my business will kill my attempts to grow the Hawaiian Chip Company from a small survival story into a larger successful employment opportunity in the State of Hawaii. HB 1727 HD1 would create insurmountable challenges for a small business, like mine, and I would be forced to either shut down or seek to sell the company.

The added operating cost that HB 1727 HD1 brings to my company would also make competing in a global market unlikely. This bill would force me to raise my prices higher to retain my employees. This increase, combined with having to charge more because of shipping costs to and from our isolated location would make it extremely difficult to grow our export business. If the State wants to assist Hawaii business in competing in a global market, State leadership needs to recognize that the labor costs of competitors in many other competing markets are much lower. As a result, those products get introduced to the market at lower prices and with better perceived value.

HB 1727 HD1 is harmful to small businesses because it increases labor costs which makes growth difficult. For these reasons, I oppose the bill.

Thank you so much for taking into consideration, my opposition to HB 1727 HD1 Relating to Labor.

Mahalo,



Jimmy Chan
Hawaiian Chip Company



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**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI
PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
March 15, 2018**

Re: HB 1727 HD1 Relating to Labor

Good afternoon Chairperson Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Labor. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii (RMH) is a statewide not-for-profit trade organization committed to supporting the retail industry and business in general in Hawaii. The retail industry is one of the largest employers in the state, employing 25% of the labor force.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii **STRONGLY OPPOSES** HB 1727 HD1 Relating to Labor. This bill would mandate employers to provide employees who work a minimum of 680 hours a year to receive 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked that can be used to care for family members; and only exempts employers who retain a paid sick leave policy that provides more paid sick leave than this measure or pays employees more than the **MINIMUM WAGE** with graduated tiers.

Many business's already have a paid sick leave policy in place. The duration of which, effective date of application and other specifics vary depending on the needs of the business and employer's resources. Employers are already mandated to provide Health Care Insurance. HB 1727 HD1 would add another costly benefit to the list. It is important to note that in addition to the "sick leave" compensation the employer pays to the individual taking sick leave, the employer most likely has to pay the same compensation to another employee "filling in" for this individual.

The exemption provision of an increased minimum wage is not a true incentive for businesses. Increasing minimum wages cause a compression of wages between newly hired/inexperienced workers and the veteran/experienced employees. Mandating scheduled adjustments at the lowest tier of the employment scale causes a tremendous and prohibitive increase in overall employment costs. Furthermore, an increase in payroll costs also leads to increases in benefit costs that are based on wages, including unemployment insurance, Social Security and Medicare, workers' compensation premiums, as well as vacation and holiday pay.

As a result if this measure passes, entry level position jobs may become fewer over time as companies may see the incentive to eliminate non-essential or entry level positions and look for ways to be more automated by use of machines to replace labor such as self-checkout line.

Policy makers should be focusing in on eliminating obstacles to business growth, job creation and economic stability and not adding additional costs that employers cannot afford.

We respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Again mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Before the Senate Labor Committee

DATE: March 15, 2018

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 229

Re: HB1727, HD1, Relating to Labor

Testimony of Melissa Pavlicek for NFIB Hawaii

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English and members of the committee:

We are testifying on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in opposition to House Bill 1727, HD1, which requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care.

NFIB Hawaii opposes measures which do not adequately allow for flexibility and take into account the circumstances of individual small businesses. Please defer this bill.

The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest advocacy organization representing small and independent businesses in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. In Hawaii, NFIB represents more than 750 members. NFIB's purpose is to impact public policy at the state and federal level and be a key business resource for small and independent business in America. NFIB also provides timely information designed to help small businesses succeed.



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Testimony to the
Senate Committee on Labor
March 15, 2018
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol - Conference Room 229

RE: HB 1727, HD1 Relating to Labor

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management – Hawaii Chapter (“SHRM Hawaii”), we are writing in opposition to HB 1727, HD1, relating to labor. This bill requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care. SHRM Hawaii has a longstanding position of support for initiatives that promote flexibility between employer and employee, rather than requirements that do not take into account unique circumstances. This measure also has the potential to create a conflicting patchwork of leave requirements.

Human resource management professionals are responsible for the alignment of employees and employers to achieve organizational goals. HR professionals seek to balance the interests of employers and employees with the understanding that the success of each is mutually dependent. SHRM Hawaii represents more than 800 human resource professionals in the State of Hawaii. We look forward to contributing positively to the development of sound public policy and continuing to serve as a resource to the legislature on matters related to labor and employment laws.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.





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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Labor
Thursday, March 15, 2018
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RE: H.B. 1727 HD1 – Relating to Labor

Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair English, & members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Quinto-Marrone, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

We are in opposition to H.B. 1727 HD1, which would require employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to use for either themselves or an ill family member.

We appreciate and understand the intent of this bill to allow for paid leave in the workplace. Many employers already offer generous paid leave packages. Mandated sick leave may have an adverse impact upon current leave packages that exceed the minimum standard as illustrated in the bill. In addition, we do have concerns about a standard length of leave required, and the effect that could have on regular business operations.

We are opposed to H.B. 1727 HD1, and appreciate the opportunity to express our views on this matter.



To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Labor

From: Paula Yoshioka, Vice President, Government Relations and External Affairs, The
Queen's Health Systems

Date: March 14, 2018

Hrg: Senate Committee on Labor Hearing; Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 2:45PM in Room 229

Re: **Oppose HB 1727, HD1, Relating to Labor**

My name is Paula Yoshioka and I am the Vice President of Government Relations and External Affairs at The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's). While we appreciate the intent of HB 1727, HD1, Relating to Labor, we would like to **oppose** this bill as currently written. This bill requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care, or due to a public health emergency. It also requires employers to offer paid sick leave to minimum wage and other employees or to pay minimum wage employees a salary that is more than the minimum wage.

We appreciate and applaud the intent of this bill; however, we concur with Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii's testimony highlighting cost concerns.

The health care environment is heavily regulated by the federal government; this has resulted in unfunded mandates and inadequate reimbursements that impact our financial health. We don't disagree with the intent of this bill; however, in FY 2017 Queen's lost \$64 million in health care operations. We are taking appropriate action to better our cost structure; however, new funding mandates will hamper our ability to make sustainable progress.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 12:53:18 AM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 11:24:32 AM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randolph Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony on HB 1727 HD 1 –

Dear Senator Tokuda and members of the Committee on Labor,

I support this bill. While I believe it does not go far enough to providing sick leave benefits to low-wage employees – for example, by exempting employers of fewer than 50 employees from the provisions of this bill, it leaves too many low-wage employees without paid sick leave benefits – it is a step in the right direction.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2018 5:42:27 PM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Minton	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I support paid sick leave, and I believe we need to amend HB1727HD1 to improve it so that it works for Hawai'i. This bill excludes businesses with less than 50 employees. We know that approximately 80% of Hawaii businesses are small businesses; we would be exempting many employers from providing this to employees. The time it takes to accrue sick leave does not appear beneficial to the employee, nor truly to the workplace. We want people to take sick leave when they are sick so that they don't work while sick and potentially get others sick. We want people to be able to have access to sick leave in a relatively quick time frame such as between 30-90 days of employment. We provide people healthcare within 30 days of employment, why then can we not provide them with paid sick leave?

It's also important that there is a way to enforce this law. Speaking from personal experience I can see that Hawai'i has one of the least stringent labor laws in the country that I am aware of. I worked for an employer where I received sick leave days; in our employee handbook it said I would need a doctor's note on the 3rd day of absence. I took 1 sick leave day in 3.5 years of employment and was requested to provide a doctor's note. I did not have a doctor's note since I was only sick 1 day and did not go to the doctor. I was suspended with no pay for 1 week. When I called the labor board they said there is nothing I can do about it. That my employer can do whatever they want relating to my pay and demand whatever they want from me to satisfy their requests. Even if in direct contradiction to my employee handbook. This is why I believe it is important for there to be effective enforcement put in place for our workforce to access.

I ask that the Labor Committee provide amendments to this bill as recommended by Hawaii Children's Action Network so that we can move this bill forward truly protecting our workforce. Employers will benefit from these amendments, even if they are not able to see the benefits at this time.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and I appreciate your consideration in amending HB1727HD1.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 9:27:33 AM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lindsey Dymond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

With unemployment at 2%, competition for quality staff is tougher than ever. Since Hawaii is one of, if not the most expensive state to operate in, rather than forcing economic hardship on the employers through mandated benefits, wages, etc...., we should be making Hawaii an easier place to do business and create jobs. Supply and demand will force more generous wages and benefit packages and will ease wage compression.

Why is Hawaii so expensive for small business?:

- cost of raw materials / COGs
- Mandated medical insurance that raises hourly wage by \$3 per hour
- High rents
- Low vacancy rates
- High Construction costs
- Permit delays during the start up period
- High Costs of energy and other utilities

If increased min wage, family benefits and PTO legislation are passed:

1. More layoffs and hour reductions
2. small businesses close or at least shrink
3. Cost of unskilled labor (which is what min wage is for) becomes artificially too high
4. wage compression
5. Increased operating costs tied to wages...work comp, TDI and other payroll taxes/with holdings
6. Increased administrative costs to manage family and sick leave.

7. Greater wage disparity between FOH & BOH in restaurants caused by elimination of tip credits
8. Fewer resources available for community involvement and donations
9. Reallocation of funds from optional benefit plan (profit sharing, life insurance, vacation) to minimum wage

The vast majority of min wage earners are:

1. Not head of household
2. minors or just starting first jobs
3. live in combined income house holds that gross that exceed the \$70,000 requirement for a 2 bedroom condo
4. Are retired and just working for the free health care.
5. Servers already make an additional \$15-\$30/hr above their minimum wage
6. Other tipped employees make \$10-\$15

THE INCREASED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE BILLS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET PASSED ALONG TO END CONSUMERS AND WILL PRICE SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS OUT OF THE MARKET

Possible ways to lower expenses without tax breaks or credits, etc...

- Tie health insurance premium increases to max at CPI,...current increases are 5-8% annually
- Cap the amount of salary/wages that TDI & Work Comp premiums can be based on
- Pressure HECO and BWS to lower energy and water & sewer rates
- Streamline the building dept to allow new business to open faster without eroding precious free rent periods and start-up capital (all the while collecting more permit fees w/o raising taxes)

- Give permit and other start up preferences to Hawaii owned and based businesses / increase the barrier to entry from mainland and foreign investment (not too sure how to implement)

- focus on educating kids on how to work....maybe even offer more trade classes - fewer and fewer young people (under 21) are entering the job market at the entry level. Example: the Don Dymond scholarship at LJA rewards high school kids who excel at a job and excel in school.

Lower overheads and more business friendly legislation = businesses opening/operating/competing for staff:

1. More funds available for community participation and donations
2. More bank lending on SBA and construction loans
3. more jobs available
4. increased sales for good operators
5. more money circulating locally and at higher velocity
6. growth for vendors, advertisers, insurance companies, etc... = more growth across other sectors serving Hawaii small business
7. More funds available for better maintenance practices and major capital improvements.

Tougher competition for skilled and unskilled labor = more benefit rich employment packages at the lower income levels including: retirement, higher wages, sick pay, vacation pay, family leave, life insurance, etc...

If the business owners don't stay competitive in the labor market by reallocating the savings on overheads, they at least will die on their own swords and not die by legislation

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 10:05:22 PM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is a disservice to workers. Would any of us want to be at the mercy of employers who are given so much leeway for interpretation that enforcement is impossible and there are no real protections for our rights? Would any of us want to choose between getting a raise and getting paid sick leave? Why would we inflict on struggling workers something we would not want for ourselves? This wholly inadequate legislation does little to nothing to relieve their stress or save them from sliding into financial ruin because of a sudden crisis. This is not an acceptable alternative to raising the minimum wage, nor is it an acceptable way to enact a law to provide paid sick leave. We need to raise the minimum wage because there is abundant data at DBEDT - -and on the streets--that says working families are just not making enough to survive. To pass this bill is to look away from what the data tells us, and from the evidence before our eyes and make believe that we are doing something to address a problem.

Please raise the minimum wage and enact paid sick leave. Both are needed and neither should be at the whim of an employer. The hardworking families of Hawaii deserve better. This bill disrespects workers --and diminishes us all. Thank you for rejecting this bill in favor of legislation that genuinely acknowledges the dignity and rights of all workers, and speaks for who we say we are as a community. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2018 7:09:52 AM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raymond Catania	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

3/14/2018

To Chairwoman Jill Tokuda and Senate Labor Committee members:

I have supported both paid sick leave for all workers who don't have it and also support a decent living wage for all workers as well. It's not one or the other. I strongly supported SB2291 that wasn't even heard in the Senate Ways and Means Committee. My position stands in stark contrast to business associations like the Chamber of Commerce or the Hawaii Food Industry Association who want neither. I commend those that continue to fight for Hawaii's working families.

In all honesty I find it difficult to support HB1727 HD 1, because it leaves it up to the employers to decide what is more important, a living wage or paid sick leave. It hurts me to write this testimony. To me, it's like deciding which of my two children is more important. Our legislators have to face income inequality head on, and not come up with impossible choices that can have the potential of dividing people that want progressive change for Hawaii's poorest workers. Let it be clear, in no way do I criticize people or organizations that may support this bill, but in good conscience I can't.

Mahalo,

Raymond Catania, Puhi, Kauai 96766 may11nineteen71@gmail.com (808) 631-6748

I'm a lifelong unionist, voting Democrat and social justice advocate

From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:56:38 AM

From: Terri Yaris [mailto:uulurabkqrcwjiq@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 9:01 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: terri.yaris@hmshost.com <Terri Yaris>

Message:

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English and members of the Labor Committee,

I am writing in **opposition** to HB 1727 HD1 which requires businesses to provide paid sick leave. This is another mandated benefit that will increase the cost to employers and could stifle job growth. As many national rankings have shown, the cost of opening and running a business is extremely high in Hawaii. With every additional workplace mandate, the competitive distance is increased which, in turn, affects the ability of employers to sustain and create jobs, as well as provide benefits to employees.

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While this bill has been amended to exclude employers that employ less than 50 employees from paid sick leave requirements, it still creates a huge burden on employers, such as retail merchants and restaurant operators, to administratively manage the accumulation and usage of sick leave for minimum wage workers.

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I respectfully ask you to defer HB 1727 HD1.

Terri Yaris

HE Generalist

Kahului

Hawaii

From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
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Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:56:47 AM

From: Gordon Takaki [mailto:kcegxfreqkqbfing@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 7:23 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: takakig002@hawaii.rr.com <Gordon Takaki>

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Hilo

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From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:57:12 AM

From: Charlie Tabon [mailto:pyodmwnuemcoqhf@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:40 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: ctabon@minitstop.com <Charlie Tabon>

Message:

It should be considered. Also depends on how long you've been at the job.

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Charlie Tabon

Facilities Manager

Kahului

Hawaii

From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:57:30 AM

From: Kai Cowell [mailto:nobujwxqdxilqk@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:29 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: kaispices@icloud.com <Kai Cowell>

Message:

It is so hard to do business in Hawaii already, it's almost like the politicians are punishing small businesses, we give jobs to people help people and every time there's an increase wages or taxes, small business really suffer we don't have a lot of money because we are small businesses if you want companies to continue to be in Hawaii please don't pass this paid sick leave law

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Owner

Honolulu

Hawaii

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Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:29 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: shatayjk@gmail.com <Shatay Jasmine Kauhaahaa>

Message:

I support this 100% Owing a business in Hawaii is very costly and now a days a lot of the old mom and pop shops close because of increase in costly renovations or just paying their employees. Its hard our here and we need bills that will benefit us not make us close down.

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Shatay Jasmine Kauhaahaa

Employment Specialist

Kahului

Hawaii

From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:59:29 AM

From: Dana Pagalaboyd [mailto:ktslrcbngjdjuhqy@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 9:03 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: djfriendis@gmail.com <Dana Pagalaboyd>

Message:

Aloha, you know the above letter has been provided to me, and yes, I agree with all that is said. I want to add that sick leave is a benefit that is earned, not entitled. Since this letter also includes the graduated minimum wage increase, I want to say that a minimum wage is for entry level jobs. I find it hard to believe that in no time the minimum wage will be at the point that I, after years of school & training, will be nearly the same as my wage; and those people will have done nothing to work up to that wage. Please, I want to reiterate, that Hawaii needs policies to attract new businesses, and keep those that are currently in business. We need to change the image that Hawaii is not a place to do business. Please, please defer HB 1727 HD1. Mahalo!

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church admin

kailua

Hawaii

From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:59:57 AM

From: Rebecca Gustafson [mailto:sfqbnelkmheqsnl@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 7:09 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: gustafson@eighteneight.com <Rebecca Gustafson>

Message:

Doing business in Hawaii is already difficult due to buildout cost and operating expenses. Adding a further mandate of required sick leave and including it should extend beyond their own health, further puts a huge burden on myself as an employer. I believe these types of benefits should be earned not government mandated. If an individual wishes to receive these benefits they should have to work for it. Adding this requirement would further negatively impact how long I am able to sustain my business before the expenses drown me out. Thank you for listening.

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Rebecca Gustafson

Owner

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:00:07 AM

From: Peggy Odiorne [mailto:aijyxdqghrsiess@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:33 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: podiorne@minitstop.com <Peggy Odiorne>

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Hawaii

From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:04:18 AM

From: Lynn Tsuruda [mailto:jwyzsocagofynhc@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:20 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: frankiesnursery@hawaii.rr.com <Lynn Tsuruda>

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Waimanalo

Hawaii

From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:08:34 AM

From: Charles May [mailto:sdaigkozbowqswgv@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 5:38 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: cshmayconsultant@hawaii.rr.com <Charles May>

Message:

It's obvious that the union lobby is legislating fringe benefits and wages that will ultimately force all businesses to conform. Since 90+ % of all businesses in our State are small this will break the backbone of our local economy and force small businesses to close as they will become unprofitable to outside competition who will not be forced to operate under local conditions. We as citizen taxpayers will be denied goods and services or at best pay more for them. My clients will suffer along with their customers.

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Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:08:43 AM

From: Thomas Kaohimaunu [mailto:enbpwmkavrynqwo@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 5:17 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
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From: tkahimaunu@minitstop.com <Thomas Kaohimaunu>

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Kamuela

Hawaii

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To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:08:56 AM

From: Chia Min Chang [mailto:jsjggoawvlbsqbm@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:45 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: info@alohadata.com <Chia Min Chang>

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From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
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Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:09:07 AM

From: Beth Hoban [mailto:oxznwphbeijbpmk@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:36 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: bhobanhi@msn.com <Beth Hoban>

Message:

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Hawaii

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To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:09:15 AM

From: Ruth Weerapan [mailto:dgtfussjwlsctx@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: rweerapan@yahoo.com <Ruth Weerapan>

Message:

I sincerely ask that you seriously consider all the opposition statements from employers both from the private and non-profit sectors. Working for a non-profit, we are already currently facing many challenges with the rise in minimum wages, the unknown of DOL mandates in the near future related to minimum salaries, and finding sustainable funding sources that understand the rising administrative costs to do business. These including other many rising costs that include healthcare and other mandates, make it harder for us to find ways to operate much less remain competitive and level set our compensation plans in response to the changing needs of the workforce. Thank you for your time.

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Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:09:24 AM

From: Rosabell Castillo [mailto:fcqchrgwwnmykiq@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: rcastillo@minitstop.com <Rosabell Castillo>

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Kahului

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To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:09:33 AM

From: Naomi Guro [mailto:cuvveelruyflqtj@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:26 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: nguro@minitstop.com <Naomi Guro >

Message:

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To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:09:43 AM

From: Alberta Estrada [mailto:dxkzxwmcbbjglzb@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:21 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
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From: aestrada@minitstop.com <Alberta Estrada>

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Hilo

Hawaii

From: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:09:54 AM

From: Jay Morford [mailto:vkxclkeannozzdn@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:10 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: morforjt1@yahoo.com <Jay Morford>

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Mililani

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LBR Testimony

From: Sen. Jill Tokuda
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:10 AM
To: LBR Testimony
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

Categories: Processed

From: Jon Miyabuchi [mailto:yvjnbsknzbvzmje@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:09 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: jmiyabuchi@minitstop.com <Jon Miyabuchi>

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Kahului

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To: [LBR Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:33:10 AM

From: Keith Morrill [mailto:qjwuetowzlvceeny@ujoin.co]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: info@kmelectrichawaii.com <Keith Morrill>

Message:

Aloha, Really, isn't there enough burden on small business already!! I could never afford to do that and stay in Business. Please do not do this, I VOTE! Keith Owner of 5 small struggling businesses now.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 3:36 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
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From: ryan@kuhioautogroup.com <Ryan Mackey>

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Hawaii

HB-1727-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2018 1:39:25 PM

Testimony for LBR on 3/15/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rhea R. Lee-Moku	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to HB1727. This bill creates additional burden on employers in the State of Hawaii including mandating sick leave beyond the employee's personal illness/injury and includes a graduated wage increase above the minimum wage in order for an employer to be exempt from these proposed rules.

The State of Hawaii already mandates that employers offer temporary disability insurance. This bill creates an additional burden for employers who cannot afford the additional requirements. The result of bills like this is a reduction in employment as employers reduce labor and other expenses to remain in business.

Our legislators should be finding ways to improve the economy and create employment opportunities at all levels rather than beating down businesses with ever-increasing regulation. Many of our youth have left Hawaii in search of jobs/careers where they can earn a decent living wage and have opportunity for career growth. You have the opportunity now to say no to bills like this and turn this tide around.

Mahalo for your time.

LBR Testimony

From: Sen. Jill Tokuda
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 8:06 AM
To: LBR Testimony
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: William Walter [mailto:ktchjxmfgzvvsug@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:32 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: wwalter@whshipman.com <William Walter>

Message:

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William Walter

President

Keaau

Hawaii

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From: Jacqueline De Luz Watanabe [mailto:zlmddhmkpanyfkr@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:41 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: jdeluz@teamdeluz.com <Jacqueline De Luz Watanabe>

Message:

Big Island Toyota, De Luz Chevrolet, Kukaiiau Ranch, and Hawaii Beef Producers LLC employs 200 Big Island families. While we aren't a small business that falls under the 50 or less employees, we are still small enough to feel a HUGE impact of imposing this benefit on employers of our size.

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From: Melvina Joyo [mailto:psegmagwqwmqsn@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:40 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: sjoyo@minitstop.com <Melvina Joyo>

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Operations Manager

Kahului

Hawaii

LBR Testimony

From: Sen. Jill Tokuda
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 8:05 AM
To: LBR Testimony
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: Eileen Nishihara [mailto:rygxdikkjuxjcyz@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:42 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
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From: eileenn@ihshawaii.org <Eileen Nishihara>

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Eileen Nishihara

HR Assistant

Honolulu

Hawaii

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Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: Terri Min [mailto:mygmfuchsfczkyr@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:48 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: tmin@abcstores.com <Terri Min>

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Terri Min

Director of Human Resources

Honolulu

Hawaii

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From: Sen. Jill Tokuda
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 8:05 AM
To: LBR Testimony
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: Raina Okamoto [mailto:bkacpggvujnalol@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:14 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: raina.okamoto@gmail.com <Raina Okamoto>

Message:

The consistent financial burden being added to local restaurants is frustrating especially when the economics of it don't have the results people think they do. I urge you to please sit with some of the accountants of local restaurants and get a real time cash flow explanation of how these bills are hurting local eateries. I love some of the national chains opening here but I definitely don't want them to overtake the local ones

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Kailua

Hawaii

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From: Sen. Jill Tokuda
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 8:04 AM
To: LBR Testimony
Subject: FW: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: Barry Yuen [mailto:mnoglbccenabdpu@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:33 AM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
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From: barry93_2000@yahoo.com <Barry Yuen>

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Mililani

Hawaii

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From: Sen. Jill Tokuda
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From: Dustin Verity [mailto:wyjmafremmztiro@ujoin.co]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 3:19 PM
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda <sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition to HB1727 HD1, Paid Sick Leave

From: dustin.verity@gmail.com <Dustin Verity>

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