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To: The Honorable Richard H.K. Onishi, Chair,  
The Honorable Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Labor & Tourism

Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 312, State Capitol

From: Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: H.B. 2081 RELATING TO EMPLOYER INFORMATION**

Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Sayama, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). I am testifying in support of HB2081, which authorizes DBEDT to collect and analyze employer information and data formerly collected and analyzed by the DLIR.

The General Appropriations Act of 2021 (Act 88, SLH 2021) eliminated DLIR's Research & Statistics Office and the majority of the staff was transferred to DBEDT. Therefore, the authority to collect and analyze employer information and data needs to be granted to DBEDT to allow it to continue to collect and analyze data for research and statistical purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.



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In consideration of  
**HB2081**  
**RELATING TO EMPLOYER INFORMATION.**

Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Sayama and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB2081 which grants DBEDT the authority to collect and analyze employer information and data.

Act 88, SLH 2021, eliminated the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) Research and Statistics Office and transferred a majority of the research programs and staff to the Research and Economic Analysis Division of DBEDT. However, while the labor research program and staff were transferred, DBEDT does not have the authority to collect and analyze employer data related to industry and occupational wages by county, and other conditions and practices of employment in the State. This data and analysis support vital programs including the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages program and the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics program.

The authorization is critical for DBEDT to continue the labor research programs as when they were with DLIR.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.