



STATE OF HAWAII  
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

February 27, 2023

To: The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair,  
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Finance

Date: Monday, February 27, 2023  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Place: Via Videoconference and Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: H.B. 57 HD1 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**The DLIR supports this proposal.** HB57 HD1 proposes to amend Section 46-13.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to provide for volunteer firefighters' average weekly wages to be computed pursuant to § 386-181(c). The bill also proposes to directly amend § 386-181(c)(3) to allow wages of other employees in comparable employment to be considered when computing the average weekly wages of an injured public board member, reserve police officer, police chaplain, reserve public safety law enforcement officer, sheriffs' chaplain, volunteer firefighter, volunteer boating enforcement officer, or volunteer conservation and resources enforcement officer.

The HD1 adds a savings clause where the Act will not affect the rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date

**II. CURRENT LAW**

§ 386-181(c)(3) specifically states that wages of other employees in comparable employment shall not be considered.

**III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL**

DLIR supports the proposal and believes that injured public board members, reserve police officers, police chaplains, reserve public safety law enforcement officers, sheriffs' chaplains, volunteer firefighters, volunteer boating enforcement

officers, or volunteer conservation and resources enforcement officers be afforded all benefits to which they are entitled.

DLIR does not have a position on the addition of the savings clause.

**HB-57-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2023 6:52:21 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/27/2023 1:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cards Pintor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill.

Mahalo nui,

Cards Pintor