

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1081

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 1081 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

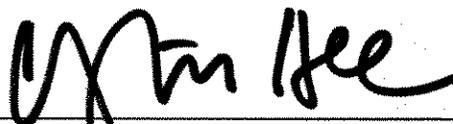
The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the enforcement of the prevailing wage law by allowing a joint labor-management committee established pursuant to section 175a of the federal Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978 (29 U.S.C. 175a), to initiate a civil action against employers who fail to pay the prevailing wage to its employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Carpenters Union and testimony in opposition from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations ("DLIR"). The Hawaii Carpenters Union testified that the joint labor-management committee would provide a voice for workers who have suffered unfair wages but are unwilling to pursue any civil action on their own due to fear and lack of resources. The DLIR testified that the measure would provide unequal opportunities to both union and non-union parties and open the door for national labor-management committees to bring actions against all contractors in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1081, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1081	JDL	3-13-07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)				✓
INOUE, Lorraine R.				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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