
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii
2 spends hundreds of millions of dollars each year on capital
3 improvement projects. These projects often serve a dual
4 purpose. While many of these projects are designed to improve
5 existing infrastructure through repair and renovation, other
6 projects include the building of new infrastructure needed to
7 keep up with an increasingly modern and global society that
8 continues to grow. During difficult economic times, capital
9 improvement projects help to stimulate a lackluster economy by
10 providing employment opportunities and increasing cash flow into
11 the economy.

12 At times, however, public construction projects face issues
13 involving adherence to wage and hour laws. With the large
14 amount of capital the State of Hawaii spends on various projects
15 annually, it is imperative that Hawaii's wage and hour law be
16 strictly enforced on public construction projects.



1 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that Hawaii's wage and
2 hour law is strictly enforced on public construction projects
3 by:

4 (1) Establishing the wage and hour for public works
5 projects special fund to assist the department of
6 labor and industrial relations in enforcing Hawaii's
7 wage and hour law on public construction projects;

8 (2) Requiring state departments that receive
9 appropriations of capital improvement project funds to
10 transfer a percentage of those appropriations into the
11 wage and hour for public works projects special fund;

12 (3) Requiring the department of labor and industrial
13 relations to provide an annual status report of the
14 wage and hour for public works projects special fund
15 to the legislature; and

16 (4) Creating additional labor law enforcement specialist
17 IV positions within the department of labor and
18 industrial relations to enforce Hawaii's wage and hour
19 law and appropriating funds for the positions.

20 SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
22 and to read as follows:



1 "§371- Wage and hour for public works projects special

2 fund. (a) There is established in the state treasury a wage
3 and hour for public works projects special fund.

4 (b) Any state department that receives an appropriation of
5 funds for capital improvement projects shall transfer three one-
6 hundredths of one per cent of all state fund appropriations made
7 available for capital improvements designated for the
8 construction cost element into the wage and hour for public
9 works projects special fund; provided that this transfer shall
10 apply only to capital improvement project appropriations that
11 are designated for the construction or renovation of state
12 buildings. The department shall not assess any fees or any
13 other charges on any state department depositing moneys into the
14 wage and hour for public works projects special fund.

15 (c) The department shall expend moneys in the wage and
16 hour for public works projects special fund to enforce the wage
17 and hour law on public works projects.

18 (d) The department shall provide an annual report to the
19 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
20 each regular session that provides the status of the wage and
21 hour for public works projects special fund, including but not
22 limited to:



- 1 (1) The amount of funds deposited into the special fund;
2 (2) The amount of expenditures from the special fund;
3 (3) The state departments that deposited moneys into the
4 special fund; and
5 (4) Any other activities of the special fund."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
9 establishment of three full-time equivalent (3.00 FTE) permanent
10 labor law enforcement specialist IV positions in the wage
11 standards division of the department of labor and industrial
12 relations to enforce the wage and hour laws for employees on
13 public works projects.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Public Works; Wage and Hour Law; Special Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Wage and Hour for Public Works Projects Special Fund and establishes and funds additional labor law enforcement specialist IV positions to assist the enforcement of Hawaii's wage and hour law on public construction projects. Specifies a funding mechanism for the special fund and requires an annual report. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2766 HD1)

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