

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2766
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2766, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

- (1) Establishing the Wage and Hour for Public Works Projects Special Fund to assist the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in enforcing Hawaii's wage and hour law on public construction projects;
- (2) Requiring state departments that receive appropriations of capital improvement project funds to transfer a percentage of those appropriations into the Special Fund;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to provide an annual status report of the Special Fund to the Legislature; and
- (4) Creating additional labor law enforcement specialist IV positions within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to enforce Hawaii's wage and hour law and appropriating funds for the positions.




The Hawaii Laborers' Union supported the measure. The Department of Transportation opposed the measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations offered comments on the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the appropriation amount for the labor law enforcement specialist IV positions with an unspecified dollar amount;
- (2) Exempting the Department of Transportation's Airports Division from the Special Fund fee;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to promote further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2766, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2766, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



