
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN INTERNAL REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS' HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH
DIVISION.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division
2 (HIOSH) of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is
3 responsible for ensuring safe and healthy workplaces for the
4 people of Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, HIOSH administers the Occupational Safety and
7 Health Program to assure workplaces are free from hazards under
8 Chapter 396, Hawaii Revised Statutes, The Hawaii Occupational
9 Safety and Health Law, with activities including the adoption of
10 safety and health standards, workplace inspections, health and
11 safety consultations, and enforcement of employer and employee
12 rights; and

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14 WHEREAS, it is important for HIOSH to uphold these safety
15 standards and practices and to respond in an appropriate
16 timeframe, especially in times where there is an immediate
17 danger to life or health; and

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19 WHEREAS, possible injuries, illnesses, development of
20 chronic diseases, or even fatalities can be avoided when HIOSH
21 exercises timely responsiveness to reported workplace health and
22 safety incidents; and

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24 WHEREAS, in 2013, HIOSH reported an incidence rate of 3.8
25 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time
26 workers and 11 fatalities from state and local industries due to
27 transportation incidents, falls, trips, slips, and exposure to
28 harmful substances or environments; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 3 Session of 2015, that the Department of Labor and Industrial
 4 Relations is requested to perform an internal review of HIOSH
 5 rules and policies when confronted with an incident that poses
 6 an immediate danger to life or health; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and
 9 Industrial Relations is requested to submit a report of its
 10 findings and recommendations on improving responsiveness by the
 11 Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division, including any
 12 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
 13 days prior to the start of the 2016 regular legislative session;
 14 and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor and
 18 Industrial Relations and the Administrator of Hawaii
 19 Occupational Safety and Health.

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OFFERED BY: *Jakubi Bm*

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