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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WAGES AND HOURS ON PUBLIC WORKS LAW.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 104-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§104-22 Investigation; penalties.** (a) The department  
4 may conduct investigations to determine compliance with this  
5 chapter. The department may enter the job site, examine records  
6 of any contractor, either during or after the performance of any  
7 contract, or subpoena the records. The department may also  
8 interview employees during working hours on the job.

9           (b) If any contractor interferes with or delays any  
10 investigation by the department, the governmental contracting  
11 agency, on receipt of written notice from the director of the  
12 interference or delay, shall withhold from the contractor all  
13 further payments until the director has notified the  
14 governmental contracting agency in writing that the interference  
15 or delay has ceased. Interference or delay includes failure to  
16 provide requested records under section 104-3; failure to allow  
17 employees to be interviewed during working hours on the job; and



1 falsification of records required under this chapter. The  
2 department shall assess a penalty of \$10,000 per project for  
3 interference or delay. For each day thereafter that the  
4 employer fails to cooperate, the director shall assess a penalty  
5 of \$1,000 per project.

6 (c) The names of all complainants shall be withheld from  
7 the employer unless prior permission is given by the complainant  
8 to release the complainant's name."

9 SECTION 2. Section 104-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

11 "(d) When a written request is filed by any laborer or  
12 mechanic with the director claiming unpaid wages or overtime  
13 compensation under this chapter, the director, after receiving  
14 an assignment from the laborer or mechanic, may bring an action  
15 in any court of competent jurisdiction to recover the amount of  
16 the claim. The consent of any laborer or mechanic to the  
17 bringing of such action by the director, unless the action is  
18 dismissed without prejudice on motion of the director, shall  
19 constitute a waiver by the laborer or mechanic of any right of  
20 action the laborer or mechanic may have under subsection (a).  
21 Any amount recovered by the director before suit and accepted by



1 the laborer or mechanic as payment in full shall constitute a  
2 waiver of any rights under this chapter. No written request  
3 shall be accepted by the director after the expiration of one  
4 year from the date the wages or overtime compensation are due  
5 and payable. The investigation by the director shall be limited  
6 to the one-year period preceding the filing of the written  
7 request."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



**Report Title:**

Public Works Law; Complaints

**Description:**

Requires laborers and mechanics working on public works to file administrative complaints within one year of the date that unpaid wages or overtime were due. Ensures confidentiality of a complainant. (HB952 HD1)

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