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Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 5:11 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Traci Downs
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Honolulu, HI 96813-4120

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

From: Traci H. Downs
President & COO
Archinoetics, LLC

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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It is unfair to pass legislation that heavily tips in favor for one party and not the other. Furthermore, this is not the time to pass legislation that will further increase costs. If businesses hurt, jobs will be lost, and the economy will continue to spiral down.

These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,
Traci Downs

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From: kathy.y.dang@marsh.com
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Subject: Take Action Now

Kathy Dang 745 Fort Street Mall #1100 Honolulu, HI 96813-3800 Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee: I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation. SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians. I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified. SB 695 SD1 requires the employer to continue medical services to an injured employee despite disputes over whether treatment should be continued. This measure may lead to abuse and cause unreasonable and unnecessary treatment for non-related work injuries, and prolong time off the job, even if the employee is deemed able to return to his or her work. I believe there are adequate safeguards within the statute and current practices to make sure that injured employees receive appropriate medical care. Businesses such as mine make every effort and go above and beyond to ensure a safe working environment for our employees. It is unfair to pass legislation that heavily tips in favor for one party and not the other. Furthermore, this is not the time to pass legislation that will further increase costs. If businesses hurt, jobs will be lost, and the economy will continue to spiral down. These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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From: Jjoyce@Terminix.com
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Subject: Take Action Now

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Honolulu, HI 96819-1853

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

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From: tgrimes@alohagas.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 6:02 AM
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Subject: Take Action Now

Thomas Grimes
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Honolulu, HI 96813-2820

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

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From: ericengland@hawaii.rr.com
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To: LABtestimony
Subject: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: glenn_muranaka@deanfoods.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 7:05 AM
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Subject: Take Action Now

Glenn Muranaka PO Box 1880 Honolulu, HI 96805-1880 Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee: I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians. I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified. S B 695 SD1 requires the employer to continue medical services to an injured employee despite disputes over whether treatment should be continued. This measure may lead to abuse and cause unreasonable and unnecessary treatment for non-related work injuries, and prolong time off the job, even if the employee is deemed able to return to his or her work. I believe there are adequate safeguards within the statute and current practices to make sure that injured employees receive appropriate medical care. Businesses such as mine make every effort and go above and beyond to ensure a safe working environment for our employees. It is unfair to pass legislation that heavily tips in favor for one party and not the other. Furthermore, this is not the time to pass legislation that will further increase costs. If businesses hurt, jobs will be lost, and the economy will continue to spiral down. These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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From: rocco.c.sansone@marsh.com
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Rocco Sansone 745 Fort Street Mall #1100 Honolulu, HI 96813-3800 Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee: I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation. SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians. I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. The selection of both the IME and Treating Physician will add and delay closing of a claim and result in higher future rates for Hawaii businesses. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified. SB 695 SD1 requires the employer to continue medical services to an injured employee despite disputes over whether treatment should be continued. This measure may lead to abuse and cause unreasonable and unnecessary treatment for non-related work injuries, and prolong time off the job, even if the employee is deemed able to return to his or her work. I believe there are adequate safeguards within the statute and current practices to make sure that injured employees receive appropriate medical care. Our clients' make every effort and go above and beyond to ensure a safe working environment for our employees. It is unfair to pass legislation that heavily tips in favor for one party and not the other. Furthermore, this is not the time to pass legislation that will further increase costs. If businesses hurt, jobs will be lost, and the economy will continue to spiral down. These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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From: matt.riel@aes.com
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Subject: Take Action Now

Matt Riel
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Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

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From: nishida@abcstores.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 6:23 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Neil Ishida766 Pohukaina StreetHonolulu, HI 96813-5307Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment CommitteeTuesday, March 310:00 a.m. in Room 309RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' CompensationChair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicans.I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: donnt@hawktree.net
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To: LABtestimony
Subject: House Labor on 3/3

Donn Takaki
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Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

As a business owner interested in the welfare of all our employees, I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

I believe in helping injured employees, but if these bills pass, they could end up harming other employees as well because of increased costs.

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From: mike.sands@resortquesthawaii.com
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Mike Sands
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From: Benjamin.Ventura@wal-mart.com
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Benjamin Ventura, PhD
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Honolulu, HI 96815

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Benjamin Ventura

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From: islanddemo@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 5:08 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

John M. Leary
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Honolulu, HI 96819-2042

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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From: stephen@hopkinsoptions.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 4:31 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I Stephen R. Hopkins, of Hopkinsoptions LLC, PO box 240536 Hon 96824, 808-352-7511 respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

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From: shelley@wilsonhomecare.net
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 7:28 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Wilson Homecare
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Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation. I am the owner of Wilson Homecare, a home healthcare organization that employs more than 250 employees in the State of Hawaii. These bills would create additional expenses and add to the burden of the worker's compensation process that employer's are already faced with. We just can't allow Hawaii to become an even more difficult place to do business.

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From: Lisa.Daijo@expresspros.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 7:43 AM
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Subject: Take Action Now

Lisa Daijo
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Honolulu, HI 96817-4579

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It is unfair to pass legislation that heavily tips in favor for one party and not the other. Furthermore, this is not the time to pass legislation that will further increase costs. If businesses hurt, jobs will be lost, and the economy will continue to spiral down.

These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: ldarnell@comtelhi.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 7:22 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Testimony on SB 62 and 695

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Louis Darnell
Vice President of Makai Communications
808 356-0010

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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It is unfair to pass legislation that heavily tips in favor for one party and not the other. Furthermore, this is not the time to pass legislation that will further increase costs. If businesses hurt, jobs will be lost, and the economy will continue to spiral down.

These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

I have done everything I can during the past year to avoid laying off employees. I have moved my office from downtown to save on rent. I have half my employees working from home. I have reduced their benefits and asked them to do more for less. If my operating costs go up, I will be forced to layoff employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: ldarnell@comtelhi.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 8:07 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Testimony

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

Louis Darnell, President and Founder of ComTel, a communications technology company. I may be contacted at 356-0010.

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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It is unfair to pass legislation that heavily tips in favor for one party and not the other. Furthermore, this is not the time to pass legislation that will further increase costs. If businesses hurt, jobs will be lost, and the economy will continue to spiral down.

These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. During the past year, I have taken every step possible to reduce my business' operating expenses. I have moved my office from downtown to Kalihi. I have reduced my employee's benefits. I have asked my employees to do more for less. I have taken these measures so I wouldn't have reduce employee basic compensation or lay people off. Additional business costs will probable cause me to cut my payroll.

Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: ken@kaihawaii.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 7:40 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Testimony opposing SB 62 and SB 695 relating to Workers' Compensation

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

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I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: kaeo@koolinalm.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 7:35 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Small Busines Operators Lose out!

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation. My name is Ka'eo Gouveia and I have the fortune of being in charge of Mokulua Contracting LLC. We are company of 67 strong that offers full service grounds, building and janitorial services to the entire island. We are just hanging on in these turbulent economic times and fear that if either of these two bills are passed, you will inevitably be reading about our company closure.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicans.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: jy@avalonhi.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 7:44 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

JoAnn Yee
841 Bishop Street, Suite 1601
Honolulu, HI 96813-3929

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: kkane@argosy.edu
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 8:13 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I Kawika Kane of 91-1022 Owakalena Stree, Kapolei, HI, respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicans.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Kawika Kane
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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: kent_mcconnell@adp.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 8:26 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Kent McConnell
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Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

yamashita2 - Kristen

From: grace.ordonio@vacationclub.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 8:31 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: workers comp bill

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

My name is Grace Ordonio and I am the Director of Finance at Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club located at 92-16 Waipahe Place, Kapolei, HI 96707.

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicans.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: debbie.padello@altres.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 8:58 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Debbie Padello
967 Kapiolani Blvd.
Honolulu, HI 96814-2104

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: darrel_tajima@deanfoods.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 8:47 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Darrel Tajima PO Box 1880 Honolulu, HI 96805-1880 Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee: I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians. I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified. SB

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cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: mailer@gloverltd.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 10:10 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Maile Romanowski
Jas. W. Glover, Ltd.
PO Box 579
Honolulu, HI 96809

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I am Maile Romanowski of Jas. W. Glover, Ltd., a general contracting and material sales supplier, that has serviced Hawaii for over 74 years. I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicans.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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It is unfair to pass legislation that heavily tips in favor for one party and not the other. Furthermore, this is not the time to pass legislation that will further increase costs. If businesses hurt, jobs will be lost, and the economy will continue to spiral down.

These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: lwong67770@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 10:39 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians.

My concern is the unfairness to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. This bill can viewed as an incestial relationship. Isn't this a very unbalanced methodology in our democratic system?

Therefore, to balance such, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME, since the injured employee has already selected their physician. Which is similar to a democratic system of checks and balance. Don't we want to encourage a fair system in how we would want America to be seen? Also, it is us- the employer, the small business owner who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician. The purpose of IME in my expereince is to ensure that the treating physician is providing the injured party proper treatment and that the costs are justified. The IME is like a judge mediator who reviews what has been done, and see if the patients needs are being addressed, and may recommend a different course of action... eg. other factors that could need to be addressed, better treatment methods.

SB 695 SD1 requires the employer to continue medical services to an injured employee despite disputes over whether treatment should be continued. Again, the question is: Would you let your son or daughter continue going to the same dr. and he/she doesn't get well? Wouldn't we stop going to that physician and try another treatment method that may work better?

In this bill, my concern is that this measure may lead to abuse and cause unreasonable and unnecessary treatment,prolong time off the job. I believe our current law provides safeguards within the statute and current practices ensure that injured employees receive appropriate medical care. Businesses such as mine make every effort and go above and beyond to ensure a safe working environment for our employees.

It is unfair to pass legislation that heavily favors one party. Aren't we a democratic system with checks and balances? Isn't this the Obama platform?

Furthermore, in respect to our economy, this is not the time to pass legislation that will further increase costs, hurt businesses that will result in bankruptcy or close downs. Being that you are intelligent legislatures, you can see that this would be unwise to further lessen or dying Hawaii economy. With loss of jobs, company close downs, crime goes up resulting in an unsafe environment. ARE we ready to put Hawaii to the cleaners?

These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I pleas with you to hold this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: edgar.gum@vacationclub.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 9:12 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Edgar Gum
92-161 Waipahe Place
Kapolei, HI 96707-2208

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

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These measures, if passed, will increase the cost of workers' compensation premiums and the overall cost of doing business. Thus, I respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: hregina@wbu.edu
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 9:41 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Assistant Executive Director Henrique Regina, Wayland Baptist University - Hawaii Campus, 99-080 kauhale st D-14, Aiea - HI 96701-4114 phone: 808-222-9407.

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicians.

I believe that it is inherently unfair to allow one party to choose both the treating physician and the IME physician who will review the treating physician's plan. Therefore, to balance the equation, the employer should have the right to select a physician to conduct the IME. Furthermore, it is the employer who pays for 100% of the cost of the IME physician and it is part of our discovery process to ensure proper treatment and that the costs are justified.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: carol@kingautocenter.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 12:02 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Carol Furtado
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Lihue, HI 96766

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

My name is Carol Furtado. I reside on Kauai and I am the Director of Human Resources for the King Auto Group with a dealership on Kauai and two on Oahu. I have worked in the Human Resources field for over 25 years and know that the impact of this kind of legislation can be extremely detrimental especially to small business. I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: pbustamante@pacificlight.net
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 1:01 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: SB 62 & SB 695 - Testimony

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Patrick Bustamante
President
Pacific LightNet Communications

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: dennis@businessfactoringhawaii.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 10:42 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Dennis Kennedy
1188 Bishop St., Ste 3404
Honolulu, HI 96813-3314

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I Dennis Kennedy of Business Factoring Hawaii a small business financial firm respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: noelle@consumerserviceanalysis.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 9:52 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Consumer Service Analysis, Inc.
Hawaii's Premier Mystery Shopping Company Noelle Condon
(808)347-6762

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: rsarmiento@watergroup7.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 10:02 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Ruby Sarmiento
4215 Kilauea Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96816-4711

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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yamashita2 - Kristen

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Jeremiah Sarmiento
4215 Kilauea Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96816-4711

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yamashita2 - Kristen

From: mokumura@asipacific.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 12:48 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Marc Okumura
PO Box 1166
Pearl City, HI 96782-8166

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: brittongallery@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 5:39 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Just say no

No Name

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: lillian.sakane@hmshost.com
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 11:20 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Lillian Sakane
PO Box 30428
Honolulu, HI 96822-0428

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

My name is Lillian Sakane from HMSHost, Food and Beverage Concessionaire at the Honolulu International Airport. I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: amberger@3FinancialGroup.com
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 11:26 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Joanna Amberger
1440 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1525
Honolulu, HI 96814-3698

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

yamashita1- Kathy

From: bdechter@dhx.com
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 2:59 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Brad Dechter
President
Dependable Hawaiian Express, Inc.
Dependable Hawaiian Express-Maui, Inc.
Dependable Hawaiian express-Big Island, Inc.
703 N. Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, HI 96817-5000

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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From: RC@soiengagements.com
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 5:42 AM
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Subject: Take Action Now

RC Murphy
3993 Otomo Lane
Wahiawa, HI 96786-3678

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: george@SylvanMililani.com
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 11:40 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

George Naito
300 Kahelu Avenue, Suite 45
Mililani, HI 96789-3911

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: kokamura47@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:23 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: SB 62 and SB 695

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: eileen.caldwell@sheraton.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:18 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Opposition to SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1

Eileen Caldwell
Director of Human Resources
SHERATON MAUI RESORT & SPA
2605 Kaanapali Parkway
Lahaina, HI 96761
Phone (808) 662-8074

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: geckoentinc@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:09 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Oppose HB 1279

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

Submitted: March 2, 2009

Edwin and Rebecca Gonzales of Gecko Enterprises, Inc. a full service plumbing contractor that is fully licensed and insured, 68-369 Kikou St. P.O. Box 903 Waialua, HI 96791 (808) 637-3240.

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: crobbins@cochawaii.org
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 7:30 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

Chris Robbins
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Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: charle@alohanursing.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:37 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: The Deck is Stacked Against Us Lets Play Fair

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: mmomoki@itchawaii.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:18 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Don't Pass

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Melinda Momoki
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yamashita1- Kathy

From: saic@maunalani.org
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:40 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Take Action Now

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Honolulu, HI 96816-4019
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Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: robertka@ah.org
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:53 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE SB 62 & SB 695

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

From: Kevin A. Roberts, R.N.
President and CEO
Castle Medical Center
Kailua, Hawaii
808-263-5142

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: trina.sakuma@prada.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:44 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Do not pass SB 62 and SB 695

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: honolulu_gm@hardrock.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:18 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee, SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

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Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

SB 62 SD1 measure requires independent medical examinations and Permanent Impairment Rating Examinations to be performed by mutually agreed upon physicans. This requirement will delay the employee from returning to work and will cost the business more money than is necessary, causing the system to be abused more than it already is.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

yamashita1- Kathy

From: mikerabe@hawaiicaterers.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:44 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: Opposition to SB 62 & SB 695

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

FR: Michael E Rabe, CPCE
President
Creations in Catering

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

yamashita1- Kathy

From: jtoth@netenterprise.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:36 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

My name is J Toth and I am with NetEnterprise Inc., a Hawaii-based network services integrator with 45 employees.

I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 808-441-5050 or via email at jtoth@netenterprise.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

yamashita1- Kathy

From: bob@midashawaii.com
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:44 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: S.B. No. 62 S.D. 1 and S.B. No. 695 S.D. 1

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

RE: SB 62 and SB 695 re Workers' Compensation

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

My name is Robert D. Pereira and I am the President of Midas Hawaii doing business in Hawaii for forty years. On behalf of myself and the 100+ employees of Midas Hawaii, I respectfully request that you do not pass SB 62 SD1 and SB 695 SD1, both relating to Workers' Compensation.

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: hhartmann@paragonmetals.biz
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:41 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: stop this further choke on free enterprise and get off the chokehold of the unions

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: tim.forkner@dhx.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 4:46 AM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: SB 62 and SB695

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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yamashita1- Kathy

From: psammer@lava.net
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:10 PM
To: LABtestimony
Subject: SB62 & SB695

Testimony to the House Labor & Public Employment Committee Tuesday, March 3 10:00 a.m. in Room 309

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