

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2050

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 2050  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IN  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the steps that must  
be taken to develop a vocational rehabilitation plan under the  
workers' compensation law.

Specifically, this measure requires a provider to determine  
if modified or other work for an injured worker with the worker's  
same employer represents suitable gainful employment under a  
rehabilitation plan.

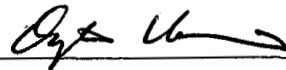
Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one  
state agency, four private organizations, and one individual.  
Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on  
the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that a primary component of an injured  
worker's rehabilitation plan is to find suitable gainful  
employment for the injured worker with the worker's same employer.  
Your Committee also finds that injured workers are returned to  
work more rapidly with their original employer, especially if  
placed in a new or modified job position that is consistent with  
the injured worker's physical or mental limitations.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2050 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



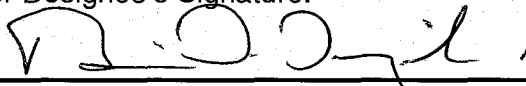
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DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair



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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Labor**  
**LBR**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2050	LBR	1/28/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert	✓			
HEE, Clayton				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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