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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under current law, a 2 contractor found to be in violation of the prevailing wage law 3 under chapter 104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is considered to 4 have committed only one violation although other violations may 5 be occurring or recurring simultaneously on multiple public work 6 projects performed by the same contractor. The purpose of this 7 Act is to ensure that a violation of chapter 104, Hawaii Revised 8 Statutes, arises with each separate project in which the 9 department of labor and industrial relations finds that a 10 contractor has failed to comply with the law.

SECTION 2. Section 104-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

13 "(d) A first, second, [or] third, fourth, fifth, or sixth 14 violation refers to each [investigation involving one or more 15 projects] project in which the department finds that a 16 contractor has failed to comply with this chapter[-]; provided 17 that the violator shall have a right to file a written notice of 18 appeal as provided in section 104-23 and it shall be an 19 HB1434 HD1 HMS 2011-2043

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1 affirmative defense that the violation occurred

2 unintentionally."

3 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
5 begun, before its effective date.

6 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Public Work Projects; Hours and Wages; Violations

Description:

Clarifies that up to six single violations of the prevailing wage law refers to each separate project where the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations finds a contractor in violation. Allows a violator to use an affirmative defense at appeal that the violation occurred unintentionally. (HB1434 HD1)

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