Honolulu, Hawaii **February 27**, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2579

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2579 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide that compromises for workers' compensation claims reached as a result of a third-party liability claim or action do not require the approval of the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations testified in support of this measure. The Department of Human Resources Development provided comments.

Your Committee notes that the intent of this measure is not to remove the Director of Labor and Industrial Relation's original jurisdiction over all workers' compensation controversies and disputes. Specifically, this bill shall not impact the Director's powers over controversies and disputes that may arise out of a third party claim, or to recognize and enforce the employer's credit against future workers' compensation benefits when the employee receives net proceeds from a settlement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2579 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

State of Hawaii

House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee	Referral:	Date	:1 (
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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
JUD Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)		χ,			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	•	<u> </u>			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	Artini.	χ			
4. BROWER, Tom		χ			
5. CREAGAN, Richard		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u></u>	χ
6. ITO, Ken		\sim			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.		4		# A	χ
8. LEE, Chris		<u> </u>			
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10. TSUJI, Clift		X			
11. WOOLEY, Jessica	·	X			
12. MCDERMOTT, Bob		X			
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	7. A	_X			
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TOTAL (13)		11			2
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If Joint referrel, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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