STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3052

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 3 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2472

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2472, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the hiring of five labor law enforcement specialists and related expenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawai'i Construction Alliance, Hawaii State AFL-CIO, and Pacific Resource Partnership. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the General Contractors Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Wage Standards Division has a backlog of complaints. Without additional staff and resources, the Wage Standards Division will be unable to meet the Division's statutory responsibilities or reduce the Division's backlog of wage complaints. Implementation of this measure will enable the Wage Standards Division to be more efficient and effective in its work to protect employees' wages.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$249,864; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2472, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2472, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary and Labor JDL

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)					
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)					
GABBARD, Mike					
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				,	
KIM, Donna Mercado			-		
THIELEN, Laura H.	,				
SLOM, Sam					
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TOTAL		6			
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					,
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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