

Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Judiciary & Labor
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

HB 2161, HD1 – Disability Compensation Division
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
9:00 A.M.
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Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee:

We are in **support** of HB 2161, HD1. This bill appropriates funds for the hiring of six identified hearings officer positions and support staff within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Disability Compensation Division (DCD) and to provide the officers and staff with legal and medical training.

The DCD is understaffed, and it is extremely difficult for the Department to keep up with the efforts required by state statute. We would welcome the additional capacity and training to assist with the administration of the Workers' Compensation (WC) law, the Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) law, and the Prepaid Health Care (PHC) law.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our opinion and we respectfully request support of HB 2161, HD1.

About PRP

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii's top contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs and enhances the quality of life for all residents.



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