

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

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

HB 2472, HD1 – Relating to Disability Compensation Division
Thursday, March 17, 2016
9:30 A.M.
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Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee:

We are in **support** of HB 2472, HD1. This bill appropriates funds for five additional labor law enforcement specialist positions in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) to protect Hawaii employees' wages and enforce Hawaii's labor laws, including wage and hour laws on public works construction projects.

The DLIR is understaffed, and it is extremely difficult for the Department to keep up with the efforts required by state statute. We would welcome the restoration of positions that were cut during the reduction-in-force of 2009 by appropriating funds for five positions in the Wage Standards Division of the DLIR.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our opinion and we respectfully request support of HB 2472, 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.

