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To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair,
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Monday, April 4, 2016
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: SCR71/SR42 - DESIGNATING APRIL 28, 2016, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL
DAY" IN HAWAII IN MEMORY OF WORKERS KILLED,
INJURED, OR DISABLED IN THE WORKPLACE**

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Linda Chu Takayama and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). DLIR strongly supports this measure that recognizes the members of our community that have been injured, disabled or killed in workplace accidents. Designating one day as "Workers' Memorial Day" is a fitting method to recognize the sacrifices and contributions made by individual members of Hawaii's labor force and to increase public awareness of this important matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable Gil S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
and members
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: Strong Support for SCR71/SR42, Designating April 28, 2016 as “Workers’ Memorial Day” in Hawai’i in Memory of Workers Killed, Injured, or Disabled in the Workplace.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members:

The Hawai’i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai’i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers’ and Cement Masons’ Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers’ International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai’i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai’i’s construction industry.

We strongly support SCR71/SR42, which would designate April 28, 2016 as “Workers’ Memorial Day” in Hawai’i in memory of workers killed, injured, or disabled in the workplace. This is a date selected by the AFL-CIO on the national level.

Worker safety is an issue that our unions take very seriously. Our unions and our signatory contractors are continuously striving to ensure that our members are working to the strictest safety standards. This includes advocacy at the State Legislature for laws to tighten labor standards, ensure effective enforcement of existing labor laws, and add more funding for DLIR.

More must be done. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 31 Hawai’i residents died of work-related injuries in 2014, which was up from 11 work-related deaths in 2013. Sadly, nine of the fatalities in 2014 were in the construction industry.

In closing, we hope that this resolution will bring more attention to the issue of safe and healthy worksites not only in the construction industry but in all sectors of Hawai’i’s economy.

Mahalo,



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S.C.R. 71 / S.R. 42 – DESIGNATING
APRIL 28, 2016, AS “WORKERS’
MEMORIAL DAY” IN HAWAII

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly supports S.C.R. 71 and S.R. 42 which designates April 28, 2016 as Workers’ Memorial Day in Hawaii.

On April 28th, the AFL-CIO and its affiliated unions across the country observe Workers’ Memorial Day to honor those who have died or been injured on the job and to renew the fight for safe working conditions. S.C.R. 71 and S.R. 42 honor the thousands of Hawaii workers who have unfortunately been injured or died on the job and encourages a more safe and healthy workplace. The Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly urges the passage of S.C.R. 71 and S.R. 42.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Perreira".

Randy Perreira
President