

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1454  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 1454 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to issue an order of wage payment violation to the employer found to be in violation of wage and hour provisions;
- (2) Establish penalties, enforcement, and appeal procedures; and
- (3) Amend the definition of "wage" to include compensation for labor or services rendered by an employee, whether the amount is determined on a time, task, piece, commission, or other basis of calculation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee finds that existing law allows the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to issue orders of wage payment violations and assess penalties against employers for violations



regarding payment of wages, wage theft, and other compensation. While this enforcement mechanism can assist the Department in ensuring equitable wages, this mechanism cannot be used for issues regarding violations of minimum wage or overtime requirements. Therefore, by standardizing this enforcement mechanism to broadly apply to minimum wage and overtime violations, this measure will allow the Department to effectively protect employees and safeguard rights for just compensation.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by 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 that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1454, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1454, S.D. 1.

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



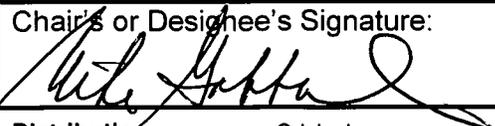
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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
Committee on Judiciary  
JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1454	LBT. JDC	2/26/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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