STAND. COM. REP. NO. **992** -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2479

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2008 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to expand eligibility for vocational rehabilitation to a worker who has otherwise been deemed unable to return to the worker's original position where the employer has made no offer of suitable work that would restore the worker's earnings capacity as nearly as possible to the level that the worker was earning at the time of the work-related injury.

The Department of Human Resources Development and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations opposed this bill. The ILWU Local 142 submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: +1B 2479	Committee Referral:		Date: 2 - 26 - 2008		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)		V			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)		√			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani		ν			
4. BELATTI, Della Au		V			
5. BROWER, Tom		V			
6. CARROLL, Mele		V			
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.		✓			
8. HAR, Sharon E.					
9. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki		✓ ·			
10. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.		<i>∨</i>			
11. MANAHAN, Joey		V			
12. MIZUNO, John		✓			
13. NAKASONE, Bob					
14. RHOADS, Karl		/			
15. SAGUM, Roland D., III		V			
16. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		V			
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose	- 1		レー	7 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 1	
18. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	-		اسا		
19. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.			ν		
TOTAL (19)		14	3	0	2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Maily B. Lee					
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