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**HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO  
CONDUCT FREE STATEWIDE SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING  
WORKSHOPS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

**HONOLULU-** The State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' (DLIR), Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health (HIOSH) Division will sponsor six statewide safety and health training workshops targeted to Hawaii's small businesses.

The workshops will feature private sector safety and health experts who will actively engage employers in answering their safety and health questions and providing advice that can be immediately implemented in their own business. The panel of experts will provide training workshops on the following topics:

1. Understanding Workers Compensation, Drug-Free Workplace and HIOSH
2. How to Reduce Injuries & Illness With a Safety Program
3. HIOSH's Most Common Violations and How to Avoid Them
4. Emergency Preparedness for Small Businesses

The workshops will be conducted in six locations on four islands (Oahu, Big Island, Maui & Kauai) and are open to the public, free of charge.

These workshops are designed for small business owners and managers who often do not have the resources to hire professional safety and health experts. The workshops will

enable these employers and managers understand and navigate through Hawaii's complicated safety and health regulations and assist them in developing an effective safety and health plans to ensure the safety of their employees and control costs.

The workshops will offer employers advice on how to lower the high costs of workers compensation and reduce employee injuries and lost work days. Additionally, employers looking to combat substance abuse in the workplace will be able to get advice and guidance on how to establish drug-free work program. Further, employers will also be provided information and direction on how to establish an emergency preparedness plan for their business.

The workshops will be held at the following locations and dates:

- **Honolulu** ..... **Monday October 16**  
Royal Hawaiian Hotel  
2259 Kalakaua Avenue Honolulu, HI 96815
- **Leeward Oahu** ..... **Tuesday October 17**  
The Filipino Community Center  
94-428 Mokuola Street, Suite 302 – Waipahu 96797
- **Kona** ..... **Thursday October 19**  
Sheraton Keauhou Resort  
78-128 Ehukai Street Kailua-Kona, Island of Hawaii, 96740
- **Hilo**..... **Friday October 20**  
Hawaii Naniloa Hotel  
93 Banyan Drive Hilo, Island of Hawaii 96720
- **Kauai**..... **Monday October 23**  
Aloha Beach Resort  
3-5920 Kuhio Highway, Kapaa, HI 96746
- **Maui** ..... **Wednesday October 25**  
Maui Arts & Cultural Center  
One Cameron Way Kahului, HI 96732

"The workshops provide us with an excellent opportunity to offer outreach to the small business community on how to ensure the workplace is safe and healthy for Hawaii's workers," said Nelson Befitel, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

"We believe that this is a unique occasion for small business owners in Hawaii to speak directly with industry professionals on workplace safety and health," continued Befitel.

For more program and registration information, please visit the DLIR website at [www.hawaii.gov/labor](http://www.hawaii.gov/labor) or by calling toll free to 1-866-438-8831.

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