

# **HOISTING MACHINE OPERATOR'S ADVISORY BOARD**

**2004-2005 Annual Report**

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## **PURPOSE**

The Hawaii State Legislature created the Hoisting Machine Operators' Advisory Board for the purpose of assuring the safe operation of cranes and hoisting machines by establishing a certification program for operators as well as to advise the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

## **GOVERNANCE**

Established by the Hawaii State Legislature in 1998 through Act 165, the Hoisting Machine Operator's Advisory Board is governed by a five member executive board appointed by the Governor. The board has held meetings since May 1999 and its proposed administrative rules were adopted on November 26, 2002.

## **FUNDING**

The Hoisting Machine Operators' Certification Revolving Fund was established in 1998 to support the process for certifying hoisting machine operators. The fund is used to cover personnel and operating expenses for the advisory board to oversee certification standards that meet nationwide standards; the cost of preparing and disseminating information on hoisting machine operators' certification and training; and annual reports on the program's accomplishments. The reimbursed sum of \$50,000 in start-up moneys was appropriated out of the general fund for FY1998-99. Although the program is now self-supporting, it has been supported by the Occupational Safety and Health Training and Assistance Special Fund since 1999.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

A certificate is required to operate a hoisting machine under the administrative rules. The certification process includes a written and practical exam and a current physical examination. This program is mandated to secure and document requirements from hoisting machine operators to ensure public and worker safety by requiring strict certification process.

The certification costs each individual a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee and \$500.00 for the certificate. Certificates are valid for five years and the renewals will cost \$500.00. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the costs are borne by the users and not the taxpayers, and that the costs for each individual operator are affordable.

The hoisting machine operator training is an integral part of an overall certification process. Worker and public safety is enhanced with effective training. The certification process ensures a minimum competency level for operators and provides assurance to employers that the crane operators they employ have received appropriate training. This process benefits workers, their employers and the public.

## **CERTIFICATION**

During this fiscal year, forty eight [48] certifications were processed. The Board has certified four hundred fifty six (456) crane operators statewide and deposited \$221,510.00 in collected certification fees, since starting this program on September 30, 2003.

## Financial Statement

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	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
Personnel	\$33,923	\$33,923	\$33,923
Fees/Equipment	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,168
Expenses/Supplies	\$ 780	\$ 3,427	\$ 3,427
Travel			
TOTAL:	\$35,871	\$38,518	\$38,518

## Executive Board

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General administrative responsibilities for the Hoisting Machine Operator's Advisory Board rest with a five-member executive board. The board is appointed by the Governor for four year staggered terms. The board includes representatives from both organized labor and management employers.

**Allan Parker** is the Chairman of the Advisory Board. Mr. Parker is the District Representative for the Operating Engineers in Hawaii. He has 33 years of experience in the construction industry as a heavy equipment operator, project manager, and Hazmat, Safety and Equipment Operator Instructor.

**Ralph S. Cushnie** is the Island Superintendent for field operations on Kauai for Goodfellow Brothers. Mr. Cushnie has extensive experience in and knowledge of maintaining quality and safety control, budgets and value engineering.

**Thomas S. Vendetta** has over 30 years of government experience. As a licensed civil engineer he has worked in various capacities for the City and County of Honolulu in the areas of planning, design, construction and operations. Mr. Vendetta is currently the program administrator for the City's Division of Industrial Safety and Workers' Compensation.

**Roy S. Akamine** has been a safety professional for more than 20 years, providing occupational safety and health consultative services to clients in the insurance and construction industries. Mr. Akamine currently works for King & Neel, Inc. Insurance Company and continues to be an advocate in ensuring the public's safety.

**Ernest Balatincz** has over 20 years of experience in the safety field. He is an OSHA Certified Instructor and is the owner of Nova Group, a safety consulting business. Mr. Balatincz has extensive knowledge of and experience in safety policies and procedures for OSHA as well as the COE EM 385 1-1.

## ***Personnel***

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**Lora Lee P. Contreras** is the Executive Director for the Hoisting Machine Operator's Advisory Board. Over the past 25 years, she has been appointed to various administrative positions, including 10 years on various boards, commissions and the Hawaii State Legislature.