

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

2001-2002 Annual Report

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HOISTING MACHINE OPERATOR'S ADVISORY BOARD

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 Hawai'i 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 together with its Executive Director has researched and drafted proposed administrative rules.

Funding The Hoisting Machine Operators' Certification Revolving Fund was established in 1998 to support the process for certifying hoisting machine operators. The fund was used to cover personnel and operating expenses for the advisory board to develop 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 reimbursable sum of \$50,000 in start-up moneys was appropriated out of the general fund for FY1998-99. The program has been supported by the Occupational Safety and Health Training and Assistance Special Fund since FY1999-00 - the fund is not yet self-supporting, because the schedule of certification fees and penalties is still pending the approval of the administrative rules.

Public Hearings

On March 24, 2002, the final draft copy of the administrative rules was submitted to the Attorney General for approval and an impact statement was circulated to respective state departments for approval. On January 22-24, 2002, statewide public hearings

were held. The final summary is being reviewed for the Attorney General's approval before submittal to the Governor.

Proposed Administrative Rules

A certificate will be required to operate a hoisting machine under the proposed rules. The certification process will include a written and practical exam, a physical examination and require a thousand hours of crane related experience as well as other documentation. This program is mandated to secure and document requirements from hoisting machine operators and aims to ensure public and worker safety by requiring a strict certification process.

The certification process will cost 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 is affordable.

Upon implementation, hoisting machine operator training will be an integral part of an overall certification process. Worker and public safety will be 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.

Financial Statement

	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>
Personnel	\$16,962	\$33,923	\$33,923
Fees/Equipment	\$ 2,713	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,168
Expenses/Supplies	\$ 256		\$ 982
Travel			\$ 731
TOTAL:	\$19,931	\$35,091	\$36,804

Executive Board

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 of the 1) Labor Organization representing Crane or Hoisting Machine Operators in the construction industry; 2) Crane Operators (employee) and an alternate (employee); 3) Contractor/Management Representatives (crane operator employer); 4) Crane Rentals (lease company that provides an operator with the crane); and 5) Certified Safety Professionals (must have construction experience – preferably in cranes.)

Allan L. Parker is the Chairman of the Advisory Board. He is the Administrator of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. He has nearly 32 years of experience in the construction industry, as a heavy equipment operator, foreman, project superintendent, project manager and currently administrator. He has been appointed to his second term as member and Chairperson.

Kerwyn D.W. Chong is the Vice President of Hawaiian Crane and Rigging, Ltd. He has extensive experience and knowledge with crucial safety and construction site guidelines, their operations and licensing for crane certification. He is recognized as a contributor to numerous national and international publications.

Gary McKeague has been working with cranes and similar equipment for more than 30 years. He has experience with cable and hydraulic cranes of nearly all makes and manufacturers; with boom trucks of up to 13 tons; and with forklifts with capacities of up to 25 tons. His experience with the intricacies of lifting materials safely is vast and his demonstrated concern for worker safety is unparalleled. He has been appointed for his second term as a member.

Melvin M. Miyamoto is Vice President & Division Manager for Heavy Construction at Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company Inc. one of the largest signatory contractors in the state. His knowledge of the Construction Industry and crane work in particular, is extensive. He has been employed by Hawaiian Dredging for over thirty-eight years and is serving his second term appointment.

Clayton E. Winger has been a safety professional for 32 years earning national recognition as a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) in 1978. He has actively contributed to the safety and health of Hawai'i's workers for the past 16 years and since 1993 has worked for prestigious and recognized national leaders in accident prevention. In 1996, he became the first to be certified as Hawai'i State's Certified Safety and Health Professional. He met Hawai'i's stringent requirements with an ample amount of credentials and a proven safety performance.

Personnel

Lora Lee P. Contreras is the Executive Director for the Advisory Board. She has been appointed to various administrative positions for the past eighteen years, including serving nine years on various boards and commissions. She has also worked for nine years in the Hawaii State Legislature as an analyst and administrative.