



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Thursday, January 26, 2012
2:30 p.m.
State Capitol - Conference Room 229

RE: SENATE BILL 2285 WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the committee:

My name is Jim Tollefson and I am the President and CEO of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber"). I am here to provide amendments to Senate Bill No. 2285 relating to Workers' Compensation.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber recommends that the language in the bill specify that the teleworker must meet the definition of an employee pursuant to Section 386-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and that the work performed was at the employer's direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.