

# HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Committee Meeting

August 20, 2015 1:05 PM to 1:52 PM

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations / 830 Punchbowl Street / HIOSH Training Room 427

### Members Present:

Tristan Aldeguer (General Contractors Association), Robert Aquino (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. (Associated Builders and Contractors), Lily Chu (Department of Human Resources Development), Jennifer Cynn (Local 5), Joaquin Diaz (American Society of Safety Engineers), Teddy Espeleta (ILWU, Local 142), Melveen Longboy for Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Jill Niitani (County of Kauai), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company)

### DLIR Staff:

William Kunstman, Director's Office; Diantha Goo, HIOSH

### Guests (Public):

Jeffrey Romeo

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<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Mr. Tristan Aldeguer welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
<b>Minutes</b>	A motion was made to approve the May 13, 2015 minutes.	May 13, 2015 minutes was approved.
<b>Director's Comments</b>	<p>Mr. William Kunstman reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director's office discussed with Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) reclassifying the Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Officer (OSHCO) positions to a higher SR level or changing them to professional positions. Director is working with DHRD Director to recruit people who can do the justification for the reclassification. Since Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Personnel Office is under staffed, HIOSH could contract someone. DHRD has a pilot project that will get results by October. Depending on the results, the OSHCOs could become a new pilot project.</li> <li>• Director's office is working on a Legislative Proposal to make the positions exempt from civil service. The proposal will be reviewed by the Governor late November. Director's office will keep the HIOSH Advisory Committee updated.</li> <li>• Director was looking into changing reasons for the use of the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB) special fund to subsidize OSHCOs to do inspections.</li> <li>• Director's office had a meeting with Mr. Angus McKelvey. Mr. McKelvey wants the State to regulate ziplines.</li> <li>• Director's office is in the process of updating the administrative rules for the Elevator Branch.</li> </ul>	
<b>Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIOSH still has five vacancies in the Enforcement. The Consultation and Training Branch still has the manager and the health consultant position vacant.</li> <li>• HIOSH has the following under investigation:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fatality concerning an electrician being electrocuted.</li> <li>○ Fatality concerning a grader operator whose machine rolled down a steep slope.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Series of accidents related to prefabricated forms for concrete pouring.</li> <li>○ Forklift accident concerning operator not being able to reach the items on the shelving so the operator detached his lanyard and fell.</li> <li>● HIOSH will meet its benchmark.</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nothing to report for the Outreach Sub-Committee Regarding Development of an Alliance Between Businesses and HIOSH.</li> <li>● HEMIC representative Mr. Michael Redman no longer works for HEMIC. Mr. Jim Newberry will suggest that Ms. Lata Sua replace Mr. Redman. Ms. Sua is the chair for the sub-committee regarding becoming part of participating high schools' career technical education program and has been a proxy for Mr. Redman on the HIOSH Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HIOSH was thanked for helping sponsor the OSHA Hawaii Workshop.</li> </ul>	
<b>Around-the-Table Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Joaquin Diaz requested Mr. Kunstman attend the next HMOAB meeting.</li> <li>● Since Ms. Lily Chu is short staffed, her Director would like her to put short safety video clips on DHRD's website. ASSE has 15 15-minute professional videos that are available to the public. They are located at oshrisk.org</li> <li>● The Pacific Rim Conference committee is looking for speakers, support and sponsors. Please contact Mr. Aldeguer if there are any topics of interest. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Waikiki. The cost is \$425 for three days and \$225 for one day. The committee requested that Dr. Michaels and the Governor attend the conference.</li> <li>● Reminder: Guidelines require HIOSH Advisory Committee members to attend at least two meetings a year. If members are unable to attend, they should send a proxy. If members and proxy are unable to attend at least two meetings a year, a letter may be sent putting the organization on probation.</li> <li>● Ms. Jill Niitani notified that information is still trying to be gathered for the fatality on Kauai. Ms. Niitani will try to share more information at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Motion was made to hold a special meeting with Federal OSHA on September 23, 2015. November 19, 2015 – Regularly scheduled HIOSH Advisory Committee meeting.	September 23, 2015, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Deirdre Yamasaki  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

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Mr. Tristan Aldeguer, Chair  
HIOSH Advisory Committee