

# HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Committee Meeting

February 17, 2011 1:00 PM to 3:16 PM

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

### Members Present:

Lawrence Akina (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Robert Aquino (Hawaii Electricians Training Fund), SeaRay Beltran (County of Maui), Chuck Beneke (Covanta), Lani Bjork (Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel), Richard Botti (Legislative Information Service of Hawaii), D. Lewis Boucher (Hawaiian Dredging), Reynard Burgess (Parsons), Walter Chun (Veterans of Safety), Joanna Clark for Sharlyn Sato (Airgas Gaspro), Delbert DeRego (ILWU Local 142, Maui Division), Joaquin Diaz (Hawaiian Dredging), Will Harris (University of Hawaii), Clifford Higa (Safety Systems Hawaii), Clayton Kamida (Hawaii Employers' Council), Charles Kelley (Outrigger Enterprises, Inc.), Paul King (Actus Lend Lease, LLC), Jon Kumashiro (Department of Human Resources Development), Pane Meatoga, Jr. (Operating Engineers, Local 3), Walter Medina for Thomas Vendetta (ISWC Division), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Les Onaka (American Society of Safety Engineers), Jim Peck (American Industrial Hygiene Association), Michael Redman (HEMIC), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), James Zane (McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co., Ltd.)

### Members Excused:

Tristan Aldeguer (Dick Pacific Construction Co., Ltd.), Paul Chang (Hawaii Carpenters Union, Local 745), Joseph Ferrara (Associated Builders and Contractors), Janelle Kanuha-Marshall (Marine Corps Community Service), Timothy Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Mardi Miyamoto (General Contractors Association), James Newberry (American Society of Safety Engineers), Clifford Uwayne (United Public Workers, C&C), Daniel Vasilash (General Contractors Association of Hawaii), Richard Vieira (Hawaii Painter's Union), Shelley Wheeling-Park (Kaiser Permanente of Hawaii)

### Presenters:

### DLIR Staff:

Dwight Takamine, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Jennifer Shishido, HIOSH Administrator; Tin Shing Chao, Occupational Health Branch; Clayton Chun, Occupational Safety Branch; Ellen Kondo, Consultation and Training Branch; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

### Guests (Public):

David Lovelace, Tom McCabe

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Mr. Joaquin Diaz welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
Minutes	A motion was made to approve the December 1, 2010 minutes.	December 1, 2010 minutes were approved.
Director's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Director thanked HIOSH Advisory Committee members for all of their time and effort.</li><li>Director informed HIOSH is in the process of rebuilding their program.</li></ul>	
<b>Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>		
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>OSHA requires HIOSH to have nine safety inspectors, nine health inspectors, and four consultants.</li><li>Currently, HIOSH has five safety inspectors, five health inspectors (two are trainees), and two consultants.</li></ul>	

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<b>Staffing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be an effective program, HIOSH should have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 12 safety inspectors, nine on Oahu and three on the neighbor islands;</li> <li>○ nine health inspectors;and</li> <li>○ eight consultants, five on Oahu and three on the neighbor islands.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• HIOSH would like to fill 11 positions by April 16, 2011.</li> <li>• Next Legislative session, HIOSH will be asking for two more positions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Partnerships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To help companies achieve SHARP status, HIOSH would like HIOSH Advisory Committee members to become Hawaii SGEs and Certified Safety and Health Professionals.</li> <li>• Members will be notified of an information meeting giving more details.</li> </ul>	
<b>Proposed Standards and Directives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIOSH would like feedback on the list of standards and directives that was included in the agenda within the next two months.</li> <li>• Mr. Diaz will coordinate everyone's feedback. After the meeting, Mr. Diaz will be sending out an email with dates when comments are due. Feedback can also be given directly to Ms. Jennifer Shishido.</li> <li>• Mr. Chuck Beneke will coordinate the feedback for hexavalent chromium. OSHA will be taking over jurisdiction on military sites. OSHA has already adopted the hexavalent chromium standard.</li> <li>• At the next meeting, Ms. Shishido will present statistics on penalties and an accident summary.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>Makeup of HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Diaz proposed forming a steering committee to evaluate the makeup of the HIOSH Advisory Committee and to develop a strong agenda for each meeting. The chair of the steering committee would be the vice chair of the HIOSH Advisory Committee. HIOSH would have representation on the committee.</li> </ul>	After discussion and comments, item was tabled for next meeting.
<b>Information From the HIOSH Advisory Committee to HIOSH</b>		
<b>Around-the-Table Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Beneke informed in April, there will be a VPPPA conference in Las Vegas. There will be classes and the cost is about \$500.</li> <li>• Mr. Walter Chun reminded members since HIOSH has limited resources, HIOSH should not be relied on to have employers comply with the standards. Comment was made some employers would rather wait until HIOSH cites them.</li> <li>• Mr. Jim Peck reminded members if companies that they represent receive willful citations, other events could occur such as a civil law suit from the family.</li> <li>• Mr. Gareth Sakakida would like help in understanding the standards and directives. Someone from the committee will be contacting him.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Around-the-Table Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After hearing all the comments, Mr. Michael Redman commented there may not be a need for a steering committee.</li> <li>• Mr. Lawrence Akina would also like assistance in understanding the standards and directives. Someone from the committee will be contacting him.</li> <li>• Mr. Paul King suggested that large organizations should be added to the make up of the committee.</li> <li>• Mr. Clayton Kamida suggested adding to the make up of the committee employers who are afraid of receiving citations.</li> <li>• Mr. Reynard Burgess would like to see an agenda from Director Takamine regarding how he is going to adapt the problems that are set before him.</li> <li>• Mr. Joseph O'Donnell would like his industry represented on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board. Mr. O'Donnell also would like to see Hawaii adopt more federal standards for his industry so that his organizations do not get confused on which set of rules to comply with. Ms. Shishido clarified that OSHA is now changing their standards to be the same as HIOSH.</li> <li>• Mr. Jon Kumashiro informed State government's biggest challenge is loss days from injuries. The State is looking into what can be done.</li> <li>• Since this was his first meeting, Mr. Will Harris introduced himself. Mr. Harris will get more involved in future meetings.</li> <li>• Mr. Les Onaka reminded everyone about the OSHA Hawaii Workshop which will be held on May 4, 2011 at the Koolau Conference Center Ballroom.</li> <li>• Mr. SeaRay Beltran informed California State University Dominguez Hills has upcoming OSHA classes on fall arrest.</li> <li>• The committee members welcomed back Ms. Shishido.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Tin Shing Chao commented although HIOSH has limited resources, his branch continues to work hard.</li> <li>• Mr. Tom McCabe commented he would like to see the State using the VPP program as a resource to mentoring other companies. Ms. Shishido informed currently OSHA is not putting a high priority on VPP. Also, due to resources, VPP will be handled by enforcement staff.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>		May 19, 2011, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

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Deirdre Yamasaki  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

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Mr. Joaquin Diaz, Chair  
HIOSH Advisory Committee