

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

February 18, 2016 1:00 PM to 2:01 PM

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

Members Present:

Tristan Aldeguer (General Contractors Association), Travis Yara for Robert Aquino (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), Paul Chang (Hawaii Carpenters Union, Local 745), Lily Chu (Department of Human Resources Development), Jennifer Cynn (Local 5), Joaquin Diaz (Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board), Daniel Kauai for Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Dan Miyahira (Department of Transportation), Jill Niitani (County of Kauai), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association)

DLIR Staff:

Leonard Hoshijo, Director's Office; Doreen Miyaki, HIOSH; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Roger Forstner, Paul Sugita

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Ms. Jennifer Cynn welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
Minutes	Request was made to add Ms. Cynn to Members Present on the November 19, 2015 minutes. A motion was made to approve the November 19, 2015 minutes.	November 19, 2015 minutes was approved.
Director's Comments	Deputy Leonard Hoshijo reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since Legislature is in session, Director Linda Chu Takayama was unable to attend the HIOSH Advisory Meeting. • Interviews are being held for the Administrator position and will be completed by the end of the month. • A classifier is needed to help with the reclassification of the Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Officer series. 	
Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH has the following staff vacancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two OSHCO positions, there is one applicant to interview; ○ Two EHS positions (three by the end of the month), interviews have been completed so hopefully all vacancies will be filled by the end of the month; ○ One Health Consultant position, applicant will come on board next month; ○ One Consultation and Training Branch manager position, interview is scheduled for next week. • Since the last meeting, there have been three fatalities. One was a photovoltaic worker that fell off the building. Two were tree trimmers. One tree trimmer turned out not to be an employee. The cases are under investigation. • On January 22, 2016, Star Advertiser had an article that work related fatality deaths have increased in Hawaii. The article reported 31 fatalities in 2014. The amount included both federal and State fatalities, traffic accidents and heart attacks. • Members requested that HIOSH put on their webpage Hawaii fatalities. That information is located on the DLIR's Research and Statistics website. 	

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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Director Dwight Takamine currently manages the internship program for West Oahu. He would like the same type of training offered to the high schools for the college students so that they can be prepared for the workforce. Ms. Lata Sua, who is in charge of the committee, needs to be contacted. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Bill 2009 is written to have the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB) funds redirected into the State general fund and DLIR will have to budget for the development of a new position. The bill will eliminate the executive director position and create an office assistant position. The new position will come out of DLIR budget instead of the HMOAB funds. The bill passed through the Labor and Public Employment committee with two reservations and is going to the Finance Committee. The Board has been asked to add six amendments which includes certifying and licensing all general industry operators and possibility licensing riggers. The next meeting is on February 29, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 114. House Bill 1560 requires traffic controllers to be trained by a certified trainer. The 14th Biennial Governor's Safety and Health Conference will be on May 2-4, 2016 at the Sheraton Waikiki. There are over 12 sponsors. Letters have gone out to request that the Governor and Director attend. National Fall Protection week is the same week. Every day there will be a fall protection course. Single day costs \$225 and all three days costs \$425. No group discounts. Members were requested to participate. Parking will be validated. The next HIOSH Advisory Committee meeting will be held on May 4, 2016, at the Sheraton Waikiki Waialua Ballroom, 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. HIOSH is still working on the recordkeeping and confined space standards. HIOSH hopes to adopt the standards in the next couple months. In the meantime, employers should report to federal OSHA. 	
Around-the-Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For medical marijuana certificates, employers should follow federal rules. 	
Next Meeting		May 4, 2016, 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., Sheraton Waikiki, Waialua Ballroom

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Deirdre Yamasaki
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Ms. Jennifer Cynn, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee