

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

February 16, 2017 1:02 PM to 2:19 PM

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

Members Present:

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 (Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board), Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Tim Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Angel Santiago (UPW), Lata Sua (HEMIC)

DLIR Staff:

Linda Chu Takayama, Director's Office; Leonard Hoshijo, Director's Office; Norman Ahu, HIOSH; Tin Shing Chao, HIOSH; Allen Miho, HIOSH; Doreen Miyaki, HIOSH; Alan Yamamoto, HIOSH; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Ruth Amancio, Brandon Ching, Walter Chun, Nika Tarr, Eddie Vidad

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Ms. Lata Sua welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee and distributed evaluation forms to be completed and turned in at the end of the meeting (see attached).	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
Minutes	A motion was made to approve the November 23, 2016 minutes.	November 23, 2016 minutes was approved.
Director's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unemployment is at 2.9%. This is the lowest it has been and is considered full employment.• The Legislature is discussing raising the minimum wage and increasing requirements for different kinds of leave such as sick leave and family leave.• Due to the competition and the cost of running a business, it is important to make sure employees are working safe and continue to send the message out as employers may try to cut corners in this area.• As HIOSH continues to enforce safety and at the same time provide free consultation, Director urged members to take advantage of HIOSH's consultation services.• Although Consultation and Training Branch (C&T) has a couple month's backlog, they still answer questions over the phone and inquiries through email. If C&T is unable to come out right away, they suggest sending in a picture and provide context so they can provide a response.• House Bill No. 1114 is expected to pass this Legislative session and will increase HIOSH's penalties. Single violations will increase from \$7,000 to \$12,000. Repeat violations will increase to \$124,000.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH's enforcement staff is up to benchmark. Although there are one or two staffing vacancies, all the manager positions are filled. Mr. Allen Miho, HIOSH's new Safety Manager, started in December 2016. • As of the end of February, HIOSH's goal was 190 inspections. HIOSH is currently at 339 inspections. The goal for the year is 700 inspections. HIOSH is trying to complete the goal before the end of the year. • In Ewa Beach, there was a fatality of a worker fixing the edge of the roof and fell. In Waikiki, there was fatality of a worker renovating the hotel and fell from a scaffold. • Governor has approved the record and reporting rules which includes the tracking of the workplace injuries. It becomes effective February 23, 2017. • HIOSH is working on the adoption of the cranes and derricks and confined space rules. • House Bill No. 1114 to increase penalties is going through committee hearings with the Legislature. Mr. Walter Chun shared his testimony on the bill. See attached. • Members expressed concerns regarding House Bill No. 1114, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Penalty costs would be too much for small businesses. ○ Penalty increases may not necessarily make our State a safer working environment. ○ Rather than adopting the bill, State Plans have the option to come up with their own criteria that is as effective as or better. ○ What consultation efforts have been done and how successful have they been. ○ HIOSH is focused on the quantity of inspections instead of the quality of inspections. • Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company was thanked for taking HIOSH on a tour of their Keauhou project. • Due to lack of participation and planning committee, Mr. Joaquin Diaz shared that ASSE Hawaii Chapter voted to suspend the planning and implementation of the 2018 Governor's Pacific Rim Conference. 	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lily Chu gave Ms. Sua contact information of someone to help the Sub-Committee get advanced notification of the scheduled career fairs but the person has retired. • The Chair and Co-Chair will meet with Mr. Ahu after the meeting on whether or not to keep this item on the agenda. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sua made a motion to accept Mr. Angel Santiago Cruz's appointment to the HIOSH Advisory Committee representing the United Public Workers, replacing Mr. Clifford Uwayne. 	Motion to accept Mr. Cruz's appointment was approved.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board submitted a report to the Legislature regarding their future and projected concerns. 	
Around-the-Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 6-9, 2017, the Pacific Safety Fest will be held at the Building Industry Association of Hawaii. On May 10, 2017, the OSHA Hawaii Workshop will be held at Dole Cannery Pomaikai Ballroom. On March 20-22, 2017, the Pacific Risk Management Ohana (PRIMO) conference will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center. On March 22, 2017, from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., it is open to the public. May 1-5, 2017 is National Safety Week. May 8-13, 2017 is National Fall Protection Stand Down. Mr. Walter Medina asked for clarification and a copy of the OSHA rules regarding recording and reporting. HIOSH will provide a copy for members. Deputy Director Leonard Hoshijo reported it is unsure how much Federal funding HIOSH will receive in next year's fiscal year. 	
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Eddie Vidad would like the unions to provide outreach and training for employees. Mr. Vidad suggested giving a 10% insurance premium discount for employers who attend the OSHA One Day Workshop. 	
Next Meeting		May 18, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Deirdre Yamasaki
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

Ms. Lata Sua, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee