With session in full swing, the Chamber has been busy testifying on a myriad of bills including, but not limited to: workers’ compensation, mandated health benefits, early learning, support for the innovation and technology industry, funding for small businesses and manufacturers, historic property, housing and others.

The Chamber is strengthening Hawaii’s economy by pushing its legislative package forward. The package focuses on spurring economic development, investing in our future and improving Hawaii’s business climate and includes a total of 25 bills in both Chambers. The package includes bills to coordinate state and federal law with regards to employer liability for harassment, provide funding for small business and innovation programs supported by state agencies to develop the high technology and manufacturing industries, provide access to capital for small businesses, and set up a revolving fund to provide for infrastructure projects.

In addition to supporting bills that would help improve the business climate in Hawaii, the Chamber is also opposing bills that would make it difficult to do business in Hawaii. The Chamber is fighting off 30+ bills that places restrictions on doing business, adds more mandates to businesses, increases costs to employers and consumers, and many others that seek to would negatively impact business owners in Hawaii.

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