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Hawaii on the International Front

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They posted an opinion of some of one of the news articles above. Their views are representative of Labor... in a thread on their webpage http://www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/tuc-6894-f0.cfm is the following quote...

USA: Hawaii governor says 'don't book him, Dano'

Hawaii Republican Governor Linda Lingle is rewarding her industry pals with promises of an enforcement-lite approach to workplace safety. Lingle told the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii that HIOSH, Hawaii's state run equivalent of US national safety enforcement agency OSHA, will no longer be an enforcement agency, but instead will become a 'consultation' agency. According to a *Honolulu Star Bulletin* report, she told the business lobby group her agenda was focused on 'creating quality jobs,' adding: 'We want a safe workplace. But that's the same thing you want. In the past HIOSH had the attitude that they want a safe workplace, and you don't.' Infact, US law requires someone - either a state agency or if they opt out, the federal government agency OHSA - to enforce safety laws. US safety commentator Jordan Barab said the governor's motives were clear enough - and were inline with the current White House drive to undermine legal safety protection for workers. He said Republicans 'want an agency that will just give out friendly warnings instead of citations, slaps on the wrist instead of fines.' He added that the Bush administration would happily jail you for downloading music from the web, but not for killing someone at work.

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