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## Legislation Text

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Committee on License & Consumer Protection  
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### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has a responsibility to ensure the thousands of Chicagoans employed as contract workers at O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport are treated humanely and paid in accordance with state, federal, and municipal laws pertaining to labor, wages, and benefits; and

WHEREAS, according to the Arise Worker Center and the US Department of Labor data, over \$7 million dollars in wages is stolen weekly from employees by their employer; and

WHEREAS, to combat rampant wage theft in the City of Chicago, in 2013, Mayor Emanuel, Aid. Emma Mitts, Aid. Danny Solis, Aid. Ameya Pawar, and Arise Worker Center partnered to pass one of the strongest anti-wage theft ordinances in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chicago has a responsibility to ensure that public dollars are being spent appropriately, and that its residents are protected from predatory business activity; and

WHEREAS, airlines and their contractors at O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport are responsible for hiring, supervising, and administering the pay of their employees; and

WHEREAS, the Service Employees International Union has identified a pattern and practice of airlines and their contractors stealing wages from their workers at O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago City Council Committee on License & Consumer Protection convene a hearing or series of hearings to receive testimony from the airlines, airline contractors, and workers from O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport regarding the wage theft allegations that have been raised there and regarding cases that have been settled by United Maintenance, Scrub Inc., Lott Management, and Prospect Airport Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of the Department of Aviation and the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection appear at this hearing to testify about the city's oversight of its contractors and the options available to ensure that all workers at O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport have their rights honored by their employer.