



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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GOV MSG NO. **706**

June 6, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 6, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2211 HD1 SD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
DEFINITIONS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION.
(ACT 176)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Aiona, Jr.", written over a faint printed name.

JAMES R. AIONA JR.

JAMES R. AIONA, JR.
Acting Governor

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, when it enacted Act
2 11, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, the implementation of
3 that Act had the unintended consequence of prolonging certain
4 processes of the workers' compensation law. For example, with
5 the adoption of the department of labor and industrial
6 relations' definition of the terms "day" or "days" under section
7 1 of Act 11, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, the law now
8 defines these terms to mean working days, as opposed to calendar
9 days. For injured workers waiting for payment of a claim or a
10 decision on a contested claim, the change from calendar days to
11 business days often unnecessarily prolongs the workers'
12 compensation process and, in some cases, requires the injured
13 employee to wait longer for treatment of a work-related injury.

14 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the definition of the
15 terms "day" or "days" in the State's workers' compensation law.

16 SECTION 2. Section 386-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by repealing the definition of "day" or "days".

1 [~~"Day" or "days" means working days, unless otherwise~~
2 ~~provided."~~]

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

APPROVED this 6 day of JUN , 2006



JAMES R. AIONA JR.

ACTING GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

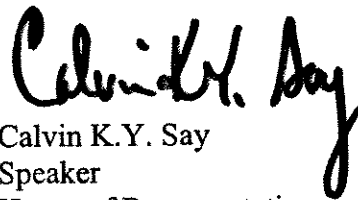


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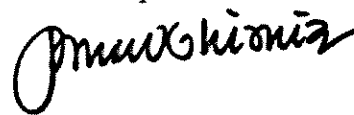
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker
House of Representatives

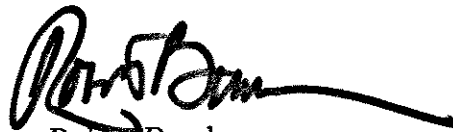


Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Robert Bunda
President of the Senate



Paul Kawaguchi
Clerk of the Senate