
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PERMANENT
IMPAIRMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 386, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§386- Medical examination by employer's physician for
5 determination of permanent impairment. When an employer
6 requests an examination for a determination of permanent
7 impairment pursuant to industry accepted guidelines, the
8 examination shall be conducted by a physician who has been
9 mutually agreed upon by the employer and the employee. If the
10 parties are not able to mutually agree upon a physician, the
11 director shall appoint an impairment physician from a list of
12 duly qualified physicians. The director shall compile and
13 maintain a list of impairment physicians and shall appoint
14 physicians to conduct examinations in the order that they appear
15 on the list. The cost of any employer requested examinations
16 shall be borne by the employer."

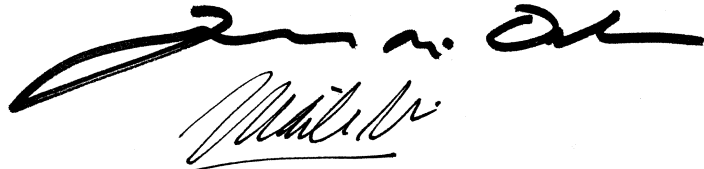
17 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

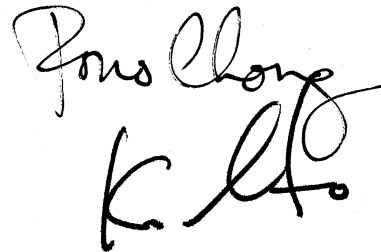


1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Workers' Compensation; Permanent Impairment Determination

Description:

Requires mutually agreed upon physicians to determine permanent impairment when employers request an examination, or if no agreement, by a physician appointed by the department of labor and industrial relations.

