
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to authorize the
2 labor and industrial relations appeals board to employ a
3 hearings officer. Enabling language regarding a hearings
4 officer in this statute would allow the board to expedite
5 hearings on workers' compensation treatment plan issues,
6 vocational rehabilitation issues, and temporary total disability
7 issues. The hearings officer would hear these issues and
8 propose a decision and order for review and approval by the full
9 board. This would afford expedited resolution of time-sensitive
10 matters appealed from decisions of the director of labor and
11 industrial relations to the board.

12 SECTION 2. Section 371-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

14 "(f) The chairperson of the appeal board shall be
15 responsible for the administrative functions of the appeal
16 board. The appeal board may:



- 1 (1) Appoint an executive officer and hearings officer, and
2 employ other employees as it deems necessary in the
3 performance of its functions;
- 4 (2) Set the duties and compensation of the executive
5 officer, hearings officer, and employees; and
- 6 (3) Provide for the reimbursement of actual and necessary
7 expenses incurred by the executive officer, hearings
8 officer, and employees in the performance of their
9 duties, within the amounts made available by
10 appropriations therefor.

11 Members of the appeal board and employees other than
12 clerical and stenographic employees shall be exempt from
13 chapters 76 and 89. Clerical and stenographic employees shall
14 be employed in accordance with chapter 76."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2059.



Report Title:

Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board; Expedited Hearings

Description:

Authorizes the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board (Board) to employ a hearings officer, as well as to allow that hearings officer to hold a hearing, in order for the Board to expedite hearings on certain workers' compensation matters. Effective 07/01/2059. (HB3166 HD1)

