

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 172-10

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 8, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2079

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2079 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote the timely rendering of decisions in workers' compensation claim hearings by precluding any extensions of the period when decisions must be rendered.

The ILWU Local 142, Hawaii Injured Workers Alliance, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), Department of Human Resources Development, and Hawaii Insurers Council opposed this measure.

Your Committee notes that this bill simply eliminates the authority of the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to extend the 60 days-after-hearing due date for decisions. This is an administrative improvement which should encourage all parties, including DLIR, to act responsibly in moving cases toward a prompt resolution.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2079 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB2079 HSCR LAB HMS 2010-1562



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2079	Committee Referral: LAB, FIN	Date: 2-2-2010		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	/			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
6. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
7. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
8. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
9. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	/			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				/
TOTAL (12)	11	—	—	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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