

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 64

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 64  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL  
RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Labor and  
Industrial Relations Appeals Board to use a hearings officer.

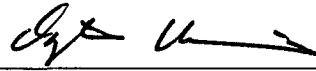
Testimony in support was submitted by one state agency and  
two organizations.

Your Committee finds that the hearings officer afforded by  
this measure would enable expedited resolution of time-sensitive  
matters on appeal from decisions of the Director of Labor and  
Industrial Relations and allow the use of current staff and  
resources more effectively, which is particularly important during  
these difficult fiscal times. On average, six hundred decisions  
and orders of the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations are  
appealed annually. This includes the appeal of treatment plan,  
vocational rehabilitation, and temporary total disability issues.  
With the authority granted by this measure, both hearings officer  
and the Board will hear appeals, which will enable the Board to  
make a bigger dent in its caseload and afford it the ability to  
fast-track the consideration of matters for which time is of the  
essence. As such, this measure will benefit both employers and  
employees in the consideration of workers' compensation issues.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 64 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor,



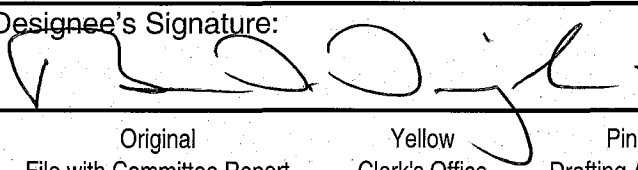
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DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair



The Senate  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB04</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LBR</b>	Date: <b>2/5/09</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert	✓			
HEE, Clayton				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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