

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEBRUARY 19, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 921

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 921  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the processing of  
workers' compensation appeals by authorizing:

- (1) The Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board to take  
appropriate action to enforce its rules and orders,  
including the imposition of administrative and monetary  
sanctions; and
- (2) Workers' compensation litigants to file electronic  
notices of appeal with the appellate court.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and ILWU  
Local 142 testified in support of this measure. The Chairperson  
of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board provided  
comments.

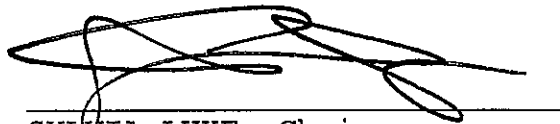
Your Committee finds that this measure promotes the efficient  
processing of workers' compensation appeals by providing the Labor  
and Industrial Relations Appeals Board express authority to  
enforce its rules and orders. Further, authorizing workers'  
compensation litigants to electronically file notices of appeal



will improve government processes and increase productivity through the use of available technology.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 921 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



