

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2013

RE: S.B. No. 874

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 874 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the  
duly qualified impartial physician appointed by the Director of  
Labor and Industrial Relations to examine an injured employee is a  
physician whose specialty is appropriate for the injury being  
examined for a workers' compensation claim.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Work Injury  
Medical Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Association, and  
Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675. The Department of Human  
Resources Development submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that existing law does not specify that  
a physician appointed by the Director of Labor and Industrial  
Relations must be a physician whose specialty is appropriate for  
the injury being examined. This measure provides that a physician  
knowledgeable in the injury of the claimant will examine the  
claimant and creates greater efficiencies in the workers'  
compensation process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,  
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.



No. 874 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



---

CLAYTON HEE, Chair



