

S.B. NO. 2893

JAN 27 2016

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 25, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, is amended by
2 amending section 4 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014;
4 provided that on June 30, [~~2016~~] 2017, this Act shall be repealed
5 and section 386-78(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted
6 in the form in which it read on the day prior to the effective date
7 of this Act."

8 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect on
11 June 29, 2016.

12 INTRODUCED BY: 

13 BY REQUEST

Report Title:

Workers' Compensation; Compromise

Description:

Amend the repeal date for the provision in 386-78(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, that provides that compromises for workers' compensation claims reached as a result of a third-party liability claim or action do not require the approval of the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. Repealed June 30, 2017.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Labor and Industrial Relations

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

PURPOSE: Amend the repeal date for the provision that provides compromises for workers' compensation claims reached as a result of a third-party liability claim or action do not require the approval of the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

MEANS: Amend section 4 of Act 25, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

JUSTIFICATION: This measure will continue to reduce the number of third-party generated compromises that normally would be reviewed and approved by the Director and expedite the entire process of review and approval of compromises. This will also reduce the workload of the workers' compensation section of the Disability Compensation Division.

Impact on the public: The measure, if enacted, will have a positive effect on the backlog of workers' compensation cases before the Disability Compensation Division. Thereby, individuals with workers' compensation cases under process at the division will likely have their cases processed more quickly.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The measure, if enacted, will have a positive effect on the backlog of workers' compensation cases before the Disability Compensation Division.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: LBR183.

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OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 29, 2016.