

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3023

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2161  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 2161, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISABILITY COMPENSATION  
DIVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the  
hiring of six hearings officer positions and support staff within  
the Department's Disability Compensation Division and to provide  
the officers and staff with legal and medical training.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department  
of Human Resources Development; Department of Human Resources,  
City and County of Honolulu; Hawaii Injured Workers Association;  
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; ILWU Local 142; and one individual.

Implementation of this measure will enable the Department of  
Labor and Industrial Relations' Disability Compensation Division  
to be more efficient and effective, benefiting all stakeholders.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$355,526;



- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As this measure moves through the legislative process, your Committee requests that your Committee on Ways and Means consider passage of this measure in conjunction with any associated line item that may be in the executive budget.

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 H.B. No. 2161, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2161, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



