

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 116

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 116 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 appropriate funds for two permanent full-time equivalent (2.00 FTE) positions in the Disability Compensation Division (Division) of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, including a hearings officer with appropriate medical and legal training and an office assistant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Human Resources, City and County of Honolulu; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association; Hawaii Insurers Council; ILWU Local 142; and The Pacific Resource Partnership.

Your Committee finds that the Division has the fiduciary duty to administer the State's workers' compensation program. Your Committee also finds that additional positions within the Division will allow the Division to expedite operations and increase efficiency to the benefit of injured workers, employers, health providers, insurers, and the State.



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. 116 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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-AGAPAN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 116	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 2/14/17		
<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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Karl Rhoads</div>				
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