### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 386-79, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 3 "(a) After an injury and during the period of disability,
- 4 the employee, whenever ordered by the director of labor and
- 5 industrial relations, shall submit to examination, at reasonable
- 6 times and places, by a duly qualified physician or surgeon
- 7 designated and paid by the employer. The employee shall have
- 8 the right to have a physician, surgeon, or chaperone designated
- 9 and paid by the employee present at the examination, which
- 10 right, however, shall not be construed to deny to the employer's
- 11 physician the right to visit the injured employee at all
- 12 reasonable times and under all reasonable conditions during
- 13 total disability. The employee shall also have the right to
- 14 record such examination by a recording device designated and
- 15 paid for by the employee[; provided that the examining physician
- or surgeon approves of the recording].

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- If an employee refuses to submit to, or the employee or the
- 2 employee's designated chaperone in any way obstructs such
- 3 examination, the employee's right to claim compensation for the
- 4 work injury shall be suspended until the refusal or obstruction
- 5 ceases and no compensation shall be payable for the period
- 6 during which the refusal or obstruction continues."
- 7 SECTION 2. Act 172, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, is
- 8 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:
- 9 "SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval[+
- 10 provided that on June 30, 2019, this Act shall be repealed and
- 11 section 386-79, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in
- 12 the form in which it read on the day before the effective date
- 13 of this Act]."
- 14 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 16 begun before its effective date.
- 17 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 18 and stricken.
- 19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2019.

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### Report Title:

Workers' Compensation; Medical Examination; Recording Devices

### Description:

Repeals the requirement that the examining physician or surgeon of an employee's medical examination approve of the recording of the medical examination relating to a work injury for workers' compensation purposes.

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