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A Bill for an Act Amending Chapter 97 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as Amended, Relating to Workmen's Compensation.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of the facts constituting such urgency:

The Hawaii workmen's compensation law now provides compensation for permanent partial disability in the maximum sum of \$35,100. The maximum payable for the death of an employee, however, is still \$25,000 in most cases. In effect, an employer or his insurance carrier may be liable for the payment of \$35,100 for the loss of an arm but would be liable for the payment of \$25,000 for the death in some cases. It is only fair and reasonable that the dependents of a worker be paid at least the amount payable as the maximum in cases of permanent partial disability. It is necessary and urgent that this inequity be corrected by amending the workmen's compensation law to provide a maximum of \$35,100 in all death cases.

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SECTION 2. Section 97-42, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting from subsection (b) thereof the figure "\$25,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$35,100."

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved March 28, 1966.) **H.B. 306.**