

## ACT 103

H.B. NO. 2555

A Bill for an Act Relating to Workers' Compensation Special Compensation Fund Expenses.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 386-155, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[ ]§386-155[ ] **Litigation expenses.] Expenses.** All litigation expenses, including but not limited to court costs, attorneys' fees, and witness fees incurred by the director in preparation, prosecution, or defense of any action brought on behalf of or against the special compensation fund shall be paid from the fund. Administrative expenses for the protection and preservation of the special compensation fund shall also be paid from the fund.”

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the special compensation fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$282,595 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2000-2001 to carry out the purpose of the special compensation fund, including the hiring of six full-time equivalent permanent positions subject to chapters 76 and 77, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 22, 2000.)