S.B. NO. 267

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 386-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 3 "(a) If the director of labor and industrial relations, 4 appellate board, or any court finds that proceedings under this 5 chapter have been brought, prosecuted, or defended without 6 reasonable ground the whole costs of the proceedings and 7 reasonable attorney's fees, may be assessed against the party 8 who has so brought, prosecuted, or defended the proceedings." 9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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## Report Title:

Attorney's Fees; Workers' Compensation Claims

## Description:

Authorizes the assessment of reasonable attorney's fees to be levied on a party who brings, prosecutes, or defends a workers' compensation claim without reasonable grounds.

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