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 who
- 8 has so brought, prosecuted, or defended the proceedings."
- 9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 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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