

GOV. MSG. NO. 1337

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE GOVERNOR

July 06, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker and Members of the House Twenty-Sixth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 06, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2099 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. **Act 234 (12)**

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawaii

ACT 234

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. H.D. 1

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 including
- 7 reasonable attorney's fees may be assessed against the party who
- 8 has [so] brought, prosecuted, or defended the proceedings."
- 9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

APPROVED this 6 day of

JUL , 2012

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII