
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. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Workers' Compensation; Attorney's Fees; Costs

Description:

Clarifies that attorney's fees may be included in costs that may be assessed against a party who brings, prosecutes, or defends a workers' compensation claim without reasonable ground.

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