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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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.

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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. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2099 CD1)

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