A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 383-69, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "§383-69 Procedure for rate determination. The department of labor and industrial relations, as soon as is reasonably 4 possible in each period, shall make its classification of 5 6 employers for such period and notify each employer of the 7 employer's rate of contributions for such period as determined 8 pursuant to sections 383-63 to 383-69. The determination shall 9 become conclusive and binding upon the employer unless $[\tau]$ the 10 employer appeals the determination by filing a written notice of 11 appeal within fifteen days after the mailing of notice [thereof] of the determination to the employer's last known address[, or 12 **13** in the absence of mailing within fifteen days after the delivery 14 of the notice to the employer, the employer files an application 15 for review and redetermination, setting forth the employer's 16 reasons therefor. If the department grants the review, the

employer shall be promptly notified thereof and shall be granted

an opportunity for a fair hearing,]. The appeal shall be heard

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- 1 by the referee in accordance with applicable provisions of 2 sections 383-38 and 383-39 but no employer shall have standing, 3 in any proceeding involving the employer's rate of contributions 4 or contribution liability, to contest the chargeability to the 5 employer's account of any benefits paid in accordance with a 6 determination, redetermination, or decision pursuant to sections 7 383-31 to 383-43; provided that the services on the basis of 8 which the benefits were found to be chargeable did not 9 constitute services performed in employment for the employer and 10 only in the event that the employer was not a party to the 11 determination, redetermination, or decision, or to any other 12 proceedings under this chapter in which the character of the 13 services was determined. [The employer shall be promptly 14 notified of the department's denial of the employer's 15 application, or of the department's redetermination, both of **16** which shall become final unless a proceeding for judicial review 17 in the manner provided in chapter 91 is commenced in the circuit 18 court of the judicial circuit in which the employer resides or
- 22 other civil actions, except for proceedings arising under

has the employer's principal place of business or in the circuit

heard in a summary manner and shall be given precedence over all

court of the first judicial circuit. The proceedings shall be

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- 1 section 383 41 and the workers' compensation law of the State.
- 2 An appeal may be taken from the decision of the circuit court to
- 3 the intermediate appellate court, subject to chapter 602.] "
- 4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.

Report Title:

Employment Security

Description:

Amends the procedure for rate determination to clarify that the department's determination must be appealed to the referee and not directly to circuit court. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB2576 HD1)

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