

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2218

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 , 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 134  
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Government Operations, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 134, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE RIGHT OF A PROVIDER OF SERVICE TO ASSIGN THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORKERS' COMPENSATION BILLING DISPUTE TO A BILLING COMPANY; REVIEW THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENSURE THAT SERVICE PROVIDERS MAY ASSIGN THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE A BILL DISPUTE TO A BILLING COMPANY; AND INCLUDE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 2024,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to continue to recognize and accept the right of a provider of service to assign the right to participate in a workers' compensation billing dispute to a billing company; review the workers' compensation law for proposed amendments to ensure that service providers may assign the right to negotiate a bill dispute to a billing company; and include the proposed amendments in a report to the Legislature prior to the regular session of 2024.

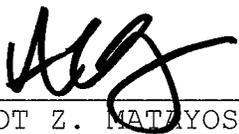


Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Work Injury Medical Association of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State has established a precedent of allowing assigned billing review companies to participate in workers' compensation billing disputes regarding prescription medical claims on behalf of the service providers. Your Committee further finds that attempts by service providers to participate in said billing disputes have been denied whereby having adverse results such as refusal to pay legitimate claims, delaying the reasonable return of injured employees to work and a backlog in workers' compensation billing disputes.

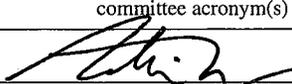
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 134, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Government  
Operations,

  
For SCOT Z. MATUYOSHI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Government Operations

| Bill/Resolution No.:<br><b>SCR 134, SD1</b>  | Committee Referral:<br><b>LGO</b> | Date:<br><b>4/13/2023</b> |      |         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.  |                                   |                           |      |         |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) |                                   |                           |      |         |
| LGO Members  | Ayes                              | Ayes (WR)                 | Nays | Excused |
| 1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)  |                                   |                           |      | ✓       |
| 2. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (VC)   | ✓                                 |                           |      |         |
| 3. KAPELA, Jeanne  | ✓                                 |                           |      |         |
| 4. MARTINEZ, Rose  | ✓                                 |                           |      |         |
| 5. SAYAMA, Jackson D.  |                                   |                           |      | ✓       |
| 6. TAM, Adrian K.  | ✓                                 |                           |      |         |
| 7. ALCOS III, David  |                                   |                           |      | ✓       |
| TOTAL (7)  | 4                                 | 0                         | 0    | 3       |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.<br><small>committee acronym(s)</small>  |                                   |                           |      |         |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature:   |                                   |                           |      |         |
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