

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3088

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3088 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board to employ a hearings officer in order to expedite hearings on certain workers' compensation matters.

More specifically, this measure would allow a hearings officer to conduct hearings and prepare proposed decisions and orders to be reviewed by the Board, particularly for time-sensitive matters concerning issues such as vocational rehabilitation, medical care, and temporary total disability benefits.

Testimony in support of the measure was received from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Hawaii.

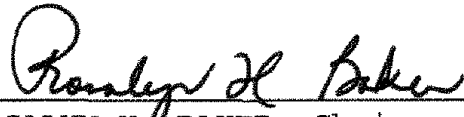
Your Committee finds that fast-tracking the time-sensitive appeals through a hearings officer trained, employed, and directed by the Chair and members of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board will promote timely and cost-effective decision-making and help to ensure the issuance of meaningful and case relevant decisions.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3088 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB3088	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 2/22/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	11	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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