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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2111 |
| By: Romero, Jr. |
| Business & Industry |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties contend that the terms used to refer to the individual who conducts a contested case hearing under the workers' compensation system have created confusion and inconsistency.  H.B. 2111 seeks to clarify that such individual is an administrative law judge. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 2111 amends the Labor Code to clarify that the officer required to conduct a contested case hearing under the workers' compensation system is an administrative law judge.  H.B. 2111 amends the Insurance Code to make a conforming change. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |