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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO  
CONDUCT A PILOT PROJECT TO AUDIT WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
SOFT-TISSUE INJURY CASES.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's continued prosperity and ability to  
2 preserve its quality of life and to meet the new challenges of  
3 the global economy depends on reducing dependence on land as the  
4 chief driver of economic development; and

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6           WHEREAS, Hawaii's economic development policy should shift  
7 toward developing its citizens to meet these new global economic  
8 challenges through innovation; and

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10          WHEREAS, Hawaii's people are underused and increasing  
11 capacity in worker's innovation will enable Hawaii to compete in  
12 a global economy; and

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14          WHEREAS, innovation links together Hawaii's people,  
15 knowledge, and assets to transform ideas, insights, and  
16 invention into new processes, products, and services, which will  
17 result in a demand for more jobs; and

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19          WHEREAS, innovation applies to both existing and new  
20 industries and provides measurable results such as the opening  
21 of a new market, adoption of a new technology, or an improvement  
22 to a business organization or process; and

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24          WHEREAS, innovation increases Hawaii's standard of living  
25 through a steady growth in productivity, which relies on  
26 applying technology in ways to lower costs or increase revenues  
27 by introducing more valuable products and services; and

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29          WHEREAS, in 2006, 28,018 work-related injuries and  
30 1,094,172 days of compensation loss were reported in Hawaii,  
31 resulting in \$250,799,000 in compensation costs; and



1 WHEREAS, innovative technology can be used to assist with  
2 physical injuries; and

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4 WHEREAS, innovative technology is available to objectively  
5 profile soft-tissue injury medical evidence to:

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7 (1) Quantify the percentage of improvement and deficit of  
8 each injury motion measured by each medical provider  
9 for each injury visit during the life of the workers'  
10 compensation claim;  
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12 (2) Identify benchmarks to determine when the claimant can  
13 safely return to work;  
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15 (3) Identify the point of maximum medial improvement; and  
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17 (4) Identify possible fraudulent behaviors;

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21 WHEREAS, the profile may become part of the work file to be  
22 used to justify objective-based actions for settlement, closure,  
23 or continuation of services; and

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25 WHEREAS, a pilot project to audit these claims can produce  
26 valuable information on soft-tissue injury workers' compensation  
27 cases; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
31 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
32 requests the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)  
33 to conduct a pilot project to audit 100 workers' compensation  
34 soft-tissue injury cases; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLIR work together with Claim  
37 Check, the Hawaii-based small business that invented the  
38 innovative Claim Alert technology to produce an eProfile; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Claim Check is requested to  
41 assist DLIR in this pilot project; and

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLIR may request the assistance  
44 of other departments as necessary for this pilot project; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLIR is requested to submit a  
2 report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations no  
3 later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
4 of 2009; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor  
8 and the Chairperson of Claim Check.  
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OFFERED BY:

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BY REQUEST

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