
HOUSE 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
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33 WHEREAS, innovative technology can be used to assist with
34 physical injuries; and



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

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- 4 (1) Quantify the percentage of improvement and deficit of
5 each injury motion measured by each medical provider
6 for each injury visit during the life of the workers'
7 compensation claim;
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 - 9 (2) Identify benchmarks to determine when the claimant can
10 safely return to work;
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 - 12 (3) Identify the point of maximum medial improvement; and
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 - 14 (4) Identify possible fraudulent behaviors;
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18 WHEREAS, the profile may become part of the work file to be
19 used to justify objective-based actions for settlement, closure,
20 or continuation of services; and

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

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

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

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

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

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLIR is requested to submit a
43 report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations no



1 later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
2 of 2009; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor and the
6 Chairperson of Claim Check.
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OFFERED BY:

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BY REQUEST

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