
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's 25,000 small businesses generate over
2 \$2.9 billion in revenue and provide innovative products and
3 services; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is estimated that small businesses provide
6 between 80 to 90 percent of the jobs in Hawaii; and
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8 WHEREAS, small businesses face numerous challenges in
9 Hawaii, including the high cost of land and labor, high taxes,
10 and the lack of economies of scale; and
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12 WHEREAS, workers' compensation is a significant labor
13 expense for both large and small employers in Hawaii; and
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15 WHEREAS, small businesses are reported to face inequities
16 in comparison to large businesses regarding workers'-
17 compensation costs; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2011, that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
22 and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
23 Tourism are requested to conduct a study concerning any
24 inequities in workers'-compensation costs between small and
25 large businesses; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and
28 Industrial Relations and the Department of Business, Economic
29 Development, and Tourism jointly submit a report of their
30 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



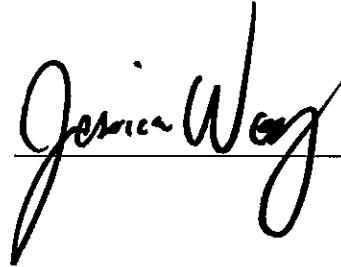
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1 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to
2 the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Labor and
6 Industrial Relations; and Director of Business, Economic
7 Development, and Tourism.

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OFFERED BY:

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