
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that adequate
2 reimbursement to healthcare providers for workers' compensation
3 services is a serious concern. Over time, the reimbursement
4 rates of healthcare providers have failed to keep pace with the
5 higher costs of medical care, leading some physicians to opt out
6 of providing workers' compensation services.

7 SECTION 2. The office of the auditor shall conduct a study
8 on the workers' compensation reimbursement system in Hawaii.
9 The study shall analyze the concerns within the healthcare
10 community about the difficulty in providing healthcare services
11 in workers' compensation cases due to their low reimbursement
12 rates, including:

- 13 (1) A determination of any problems within the current
14 workers' compensation reimbursement system;
- 15 (2) Specifying and analyzing currently implemented
16 remedies made to address any problems;
- 17 (3) Identifying additional remedies that could improve the
18 workers' compensation reimbursement system in Hawaii;



1 (4) A study of the costs of workers' compensation services
2 and whether healthcare providers are adequately
3 reimbursed for their actual costs;

4 (5) A comparison of processes implemented by other
5 jurisdictions or as recommended by experts that try to
6 ensure that state-funded health care payments to
7 workers' compensation providers adequately reimburse
8 health care providers; and

9 (6) A proposed method of relief to healthcare providers
10 for workers' compensation services.

11 SECTION 3. The office of the auditor shall submit a report
12 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
13 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
14 to the convening of the regular session of 2013.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Workers' Compensation; Office of the Auditor; Study

Description:

Requires the Office of the Auditor to conduct a study that analyzes the concerns within the healthcare community about the difficulty in providing healthcare in workers' compensation cases due to their low reimbursement rates. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2152 HD2)

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