
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO IMPROVE AND ACCELERATE THE PROCESSING OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii workers' compensation law under Chapter
2 386, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides wage loss compensation
3 and medical care to employees for work-related injuries; and
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5 WHEREAS, workers' compensation claims are processed by the
6 Disability Compensation Division of the Department of Labor and
7 Industrial Relations; and
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9 WHEREAS, there are concerns that health care providers may
10 refuse to treat patients with work-related injuries because of
11 the complex process and time-consuming paperwork for workers'
12 compensation claims; and
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14 WHEREAS, injured workers may not receive treatment in a
15 timely manner because of difficulties they may have in finding a
16 health care provider that accepts workers' compensation cases;
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii is at risk of losing health care providers
20 to other states, in part, because workers' compensation claims
21 are processed more expeditiously in other jurisdictions; and
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23 WHEREAS, an evaluation is needed to determine whether the
24 Disability Compensation Division's processes adequately serve
25 workers' compensation claimants and facilitate prompt
26 reimbursements to health care providers; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2012, that the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations is
31 requested to identify ways to improve and accelerate the
32 processing of workers' compensation claims by the Disability
33 Compensation Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial
34 Relations; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations is requested to submit to the Legislature THE Director's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

OFFERED BY: *Barbara Marumoto*

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