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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 386-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 repealed.

3           ~~["§386-26 Guidelines on frequency of treatment and~~  
4 ~~reasonable utilization of health care and services. The~~  
5 ~~director shall issue guidelines for the frequency of treatment~~  
6 ~~and for reasonable utilization of medical care and services by~~  
7 ~~health care providers that are considered necessary and~~  
8 ~~appropriate under this chapter. The guidelines shall not be~~  
9 ~~considered as an authoritative prescription for health care, nor~~  
10 ~~shall they preclude any health care provider from drawing upon~~  
11 ~~the health care provider's medical judgment and expertise in~~  
12 ~~determining the most appropriate care.~~

13           ~~The guidelines shall be adopted pursuant to chapter 91 and~~  
14 ~~shall not interfere with the injured employee's rights to~~  
15 ~~exercise free choice of physicians under section 386-21.~~

16           ~~In addition, the director shall adopt updated medical fee~~  
17 ~~schedules referred to in section 386-21, and where deemed~~



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1 ~~appropriate, shall establish separate fee schedules for services~~  
 2 ~~of health care providers as defined in section 386-1 to become~~  
 3 ~~effective no later than June 30, 1986, in accordance with~~  
 4 ~~chapter 91"] .~~

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 6 and stricken.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Director; Workers' Compensation; Guidelines; Treatment

**Description:**

Repeals the requirement that the director of labor and industrial relations issue guidelines on frequency of treatment and reasonable utilization of health care and services, and adopt updated medical fee schedules, pertaining to workers' compensation.

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