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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A PROPOSAL THAT DELINEATES HOW IT WILL INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE TO PROVIDERS OF SERVICE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMANTS.

1 WHEREAS, injured workers need immediate access to  
2 physicians and providers for rehabilitative treatment to  
3 appropriately return to work as soon as possible; and  
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5 WHEREAS, access to workers' compensation treatment is  
6 especially limited on neighbor islands where there is already a  
7 shortage of physicians; and  
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9 WHEREAS, access to medical and rehabilitative treatment for  
10 injured workers is restricted because few providers accept  
11 workers' compensation patients due to burdensome documentation  
12 and reporting, slow approval and payment processing, and  
13 inadequate fee reimbursements; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,  
16 in testimony on S.B. No. 413, Regular Session of 2017, and H.B.  
17 No. 808, Regular Session of 2017, stated, "The Department [of  
18 Labor and Industrial Relations] favors an increase in the  
19 reimbursement rate to providers of service for workers'  
20 compensation claimants and is considering other alternatives to  
21 the current fee schedule and plans to have a proposal for  
22 discussion shortly."; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
27 Labor and Industrial Relations is requested to prepare a  
28 proposal that delineates how it will increase the reimbursement  
29 rate to providers of service for workers' compensation  
30 claimants, including outcome measures; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and  
2 Industrial Relations is requested to include the following in  
3 its proposal:  
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- 5 (1) Federally accepted factors to estimate the cost of  
6 practice expenses and the average cost of the work  
7 itself;
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- 9 (2) Recognition of geographic differences in insurance  
10 rates; and
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- 12 (3) Analysis of increased fees and medical work force  
13 participation; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and  
16 Industrial Relations is requested to submit its proposal to the  
17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
18 the Regular Session of 2018; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor  
22 and Industrial Relations.  
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