
HOUSE 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 House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Labor and
27 Industrial Relations is requested to prepare a proposal that
28 delineates how it will increase the reimbursement rate to
29 providers of service for workers' compensation claimants,
30 including outcome measures; and
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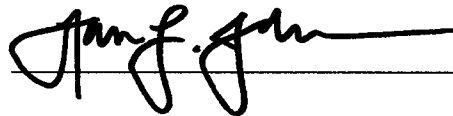
1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and
2 Industrial Relations is requested to include the following in
3 its proposal:

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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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