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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO  
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STREAMLINE THE STATE'S WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION PROCESS.

1 WHEREAS, the purpose of the State's workers' compensation  
2 law is to provide wage loss compensation and medical care to  
3 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, the current workers' compensation system is, at  
10 times, inadequate in providing timely relief to workers injured  
11 in the course of their employment; and  
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13 WHEREAS, injured claimants have experienced significant  
14 delays in the processing of their workers' compensation claims;  
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17 WHEREAS, injured claimants have complained that scheduling  
18 an independent medical examination can take longer than a year  
19 despite repeated requests and inquiries; and  
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21 WHEREAS, payments following the execution of a settlement  
22 agreement have also been known to take over six months to  
23 process; now, therefore,  
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27 Session of 2015, that the Department of Labor and Industrial  
28 Relations is requested to convene a working group to streamline  
29 the State's workers' compensation process under chapter 386,  
30 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the working group consider streamlining the filing process for workers' compensation claims by converting to a computerized system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations or the Director's designee is requested to serve as Chairperson of the working group and to invite the following to serve as members:

- (1) Insurers that issue workers' compensation insurance policies in the State;
- (2) Attorneys who represent employers and employees in workers' compensation claims;
- (3) A representative of a mutual benefit society operating in the State;
- (4) A representative of a health maintenance organization operating in the State;
- (5) Health care providers; and
- (6) Any other persons deemed appropriate by the Chairperson of the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are each requested to appoint one person to serve as a member of the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor and  
3 Industrial Relations, President of the Senate, and Speaker of  
4 the House of Representatives.  
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OFFERED BY:

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