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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. The legislature finds that providing injured  
2 employees with psychological or psychiatric services can help  
3 prevent addiction, drug diversion, chronic pain, post-traumatic  
4 stress disorder, major depressive disorder, and other  
5 psychological and psychiatric issues.

6           The purpose of this Act is to authorize up to twenty visits  
7 for psychological and psychiatric services for medical  
8 rehabilitation of injured employees covered under workers'  
9 compensation.

10          SECTION 2. Section 386-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12          "**§386-24 Medical rehabilitation.** The medical services and  
13 supplies to which an employee suffering a work injury is  
14 entitled shall include such services, aids, appliances,  
15 apparatus, and supplies as are reasonably needed for the  
16 employee's greatest possible medical rehabilitation[-]; provided  
17 that any employee suffering a work injury shall be entitled to  
18 up to twenty visits for psychological and psychiatric services,



1 where all visits take place within a sixty-day period. The  
2 director of labor and industrial relations, on competent medical  
3 advice, shall determine the need for or sufficiency of medical  
4 rehabilitation services furnished or to be furnished to the  
5 employee and may order any needed change of physician, hospital  
6 or rehabilitation facility."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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# S.B. NO. 2064

**Report Title:**

Workers' Compensation; Psychological and Psychiatric Services

**Description:**

Entitles injured employees to up to twenty visits for psychological and psychiatric services under workers' compensation. Requires the visits to take place over a sixty-day period.

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