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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO  
SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE STATUS AND NUMBER OF PENDING  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS MADE BY STATE EMPLOYEES.

1           WHEREAS, the underlying premise of the State's workers'  
2 compensation law is to ensure the timely medical treatment and  
3 compensation to employees who have been injured due to a work-  
4 related incident; and

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6           WHEREAS, state employees have experienced significant  
7 delays in the processing of their workers' compensation claims;  
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9           WHEREAS, injured claimants have complained that scheduling  
10 an independent medical examination can take longer than a year  
11 despite repeated requests and inquiries; and

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13           WHEREAS, payments following the execution of a settlement  
14 agreement have also been known to take over six months to  
15 process; now, therefore,

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17           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
19 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
20 Labor and Industrial Relations is requested to issue a report  
21 that includes data collected from calendar years 2013 and 2014  
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24           (1) The number of processed and unprocessed workers'  
25 compensation cases for injured state employees and the  
26 status of those cases;

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28           (2) The number of claims made and the number of cases that  
29 have been settled, but in which payment has not been  
30 made; and



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(3) The average time period taken to completely resolve workers' compensation claims for state employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is requested to submit the report, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor of Labor and Industrial Relations.

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