
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
FORMATION OF A HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM FOR THE
STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the delivery of health care is becoming an
2 increasingly complex process, requiring the coordination of
3 various healthcare providers; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is becoming vitally important for healthcare
6 providers to be able to securely and rapidly exchange
7 information regarding a particular patient or groups of patients
8 to deliver timely, effective, and efficient medical care; and
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10 WHEREAS, there are initiatives being undertaken both at the
11 state and federal level and across the United States to develop
12 a regional health information organization, which will
13 facilitate the development of an information exchange system
14 that securely and rapidly exchange patient identified
15 information across a broad spectrum of physicians, hospitals,
16 and other health care providers within a state and across state
17 borders when needed; and
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19 WHEREAS, there is increasing evidence that the development
20 of an information exchange system will not only result in better
21 and more timely care, but also more cost-efficient and error-
22 free care; and
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24 WHEREAS, the greatly improved quality, timeliness, and
25 cost-effectiveness of medical care resulting from hospitals,
26 health plans, physicians, and other health care providers having
27 the ability to securely and rapidly exchange information
28 regarding the treatment rendered to a particular patient or
29 groups of patients would greatly benefit the people of Hawaii;
30 and



1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Information Exchange, Inc.
2 (HHIE) is a nonprofit corporation recently formed by key
3 stakeholders in the Hawaii health care community, including
4 representatives of various hospitals, health insurers, physician
5 organizations, and is dedicated to the formation and operation
6 of an information exchange system within the state; and
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8 WHEREAS, the support of State government and their
9 respective agencies is vital to the success of HHIE's, Inc.
10 effort to create a technological, patient-driven health
11 information exchange system which will accommodate the
12 participation of all the important health care stakeholders
13 within the state including, but not limited to hospitals, health
14 insurers, physicians, laboratories, pharmacies, employers, and
15 nursing homes, and which will improve patient safety and quality
16 of care, reduce costs because of coordination of care and
17 elimination of duplicative tests and procedures, and enable
18 informed and accountable patients to participate in improving
19 their own health; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Legislature supports the efforts of the HHIE
22 in forming and operating a health information exchange system
23 that would securely and rapidly exchange medical information to
24 improve the quality of medical care delivered to the people of
25 Hawaii; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
30 requested to participate in the formation of a health
31 information exchange system by:
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- 33 (1) Sending representatives to the meetings of HHIE; and
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- 35 (2) Providing assistance in carrying out its mission and
- 36 purpose;
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HHIE urge all licensed health
41 insurers, hospitals, laboratories, pharmacies, employers,
42 nursing homes, and physicians to:
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1 (1) Participate in meetings and activities of the HHIE;
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4 (2) Contribute financially and with in-kind support for
5 the development of a health information exchange
6 system;

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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