
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUPPORT 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 health care providers; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is becoming vitally important for health care
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 exchanges 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, greatly improved quality, timeliness, and cost-
25 effectiveness of medical care resulting from hospitals, health
26 plans, physicians, and other health care providers having the
27 ability to securely and rapidly exchange information regarding
28 the treatment rendered to a particular patient or groups of
29 patients would greatly benefit the people of Hawaii; 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, and
5 physician organizations, and is dedicated to the formation and
6 operation of an information exchange system within the state;
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9 WHEREAS, the support of state government and its respective
10 agencies is vital to the success of HHIE's effort to create a
11 technological, patient-driven health information exchange system
12 which will accommodate the participation of all the important
13 health care stakeholders within the state, including but not
14 limited to hospitals, health insurers, physicians, laboratories,
15 pharmacies, employers, and nursing homes, and which will improve
16 patient safety and quality of care, reduce costs because of
17 coordination of care and elimination of duplicative tests and
18 procedures, and enable informed and accountable patients to
19 participate in improving 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 support the formation of a health information
31 exchange system; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HHIE urge all licensed health
34 insurers, hospitals, laboratories, pharmacies, employers,
35 nursing homes, and physicians to:

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37 (1) Participate in meetings and activities of the HHIE;
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40 (2) Contribute financially and with in-kind support for
41 the development of a health information exchange
42 system;

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
4 and Executive Director of Hawaii Health Information Exchange,
5 Inc.

