
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP
TO DETERMINE FAMILY PLANNING FUNDING NEEDS FOR LEGISLATIVE
CONSIDERATION IN THE STATE'S 2007-2008 BUDGET.

1 WHEREAS, the Guttmacher Institute reported that the United
2 States has one of the highest unintended pregnancy rates in the
3 industrialized world, with half of the six million unintended
4 pregnancies occurring among women in the United States each
5 year; and

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7 WHEREAS, the federal government has identified family
8 planning as the key to reducing unintended pregnancies by forty
9 per cent by 2010; and

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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii ranks last among the fifty states in public
12 funding for services to help prevent unplanned pregnancies; and

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14 WHEREAS, in 1995, Hawaii's family planning services system
15 lost ninety per cent of its state family planning funds,
16 equaling approximately \$1,300,000; and

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18 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2005-2006, federal funds for family
19 planning services totaled \$1,700,000, and the required matching
20 state funds amounted to only \$170,000, resulting in a lack of
21 adequate funding to community health centers offering family
22 planning services; and

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24 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, over twenty-seven thousand women or
25 eleven per cent of the 254,000 women of childbearing age become
26 pregnant each year; and

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28 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, 138,110 women are in need of
29 contraceptive services and supplies each year and of this
30 number, 62,020 women of childbearing age need publicly supported
31 contraceptive services because they have incomes below two
32 hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty level; and



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2 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, forty publicly funded family planning
3 clinics provide contraceptive care to seventeen thousand women
4 of childbearing age yearly; and

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6 WHEREAS, family planning clinics in Hawaii are currently
7 able to serve only fifteen per cent of all women in need of
8 publicly supported contraceptive services; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
13 requested to convene a working group to determine family
14 planning funding needs for legislative consideration in the
15 State's 2007-2008 biennial budget; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
18 requested to include, as members of the working group,
19 representatives of the following:

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21 (1) The American College of Obstetricians and
22 Gynecologists-Hawaii Chapter;
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24 (2) The Department of Human Services;
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26 (3) The Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's
27 Health, University of Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns
28 School of Medicine;
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30 (4) The Hawaii Women's Coalition;
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32 (5) The Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus;
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34 (6) The Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of
35 Hawaii; and
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37 (7) The Primary Care Association of Hawaii; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
40 requested to convene the working group not later than sixty days
41 after the adoption of this Concurrent Resolution; and

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
44 to submit a final report, including findings, recommendations,



1 and proposed legislation, if any, to the Governor and the
2 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
3 the Regular Session of 2007; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health;
7 the Director of Human Services; the President of the American
8 College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists-Hawaii Chapter; the
9 Chairperson of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and
10 Women's Health at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, John A.
11 Burns School of Medicine; the Hawaii's Women's Coalition; the
12 Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus, the Healthy Mothers Healthy
13 Babies Coalition of Hawaii; and the Primary Care Association of
14 Hawaii.
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