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# 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 FISCAL BIENNIAL 2007-2009  
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 40  
9 percent by 2010; and

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11           WHEREAS, Hawaii ranks last among the 50 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 90 percent of its state family planning funds, or  
16 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 27,000 women or 11 percent of the  
25 more than 254,000 women of childbearing age become pregnant each  
26 year; and

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28           WHEREAS, in Hawaii, over 138,000 women are in need of  
29 contraceptive services and supplies each year and of this  
30 number, approximately 62,000 women of childbearing age need



1 publicly supported contraceptive services because they have  
2 incomes below 250 percent of the federal poverty level; and  
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4 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, 40 publicly funded family planning  
5 clinics provide contraceptive care to 17,000 women of  
6 childbearing age yearly; and  
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8 WHEREAS, family planning clinics in Hawaii are currently  
9 able to serve only 15 percent of all women in need of publicly  
10 supported contraceptive services; now, therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
14 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health  
15 (DOH) is requested to convene a working group to determine  
16 family planning funding needs for legislative consideration in  
17 the State's 2007-2009 biennial budget; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOH is requested to include, as  
20 members of the working group, representatives of the following:  
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- 22 (1) The Department of Human Services;
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- 24 (2) The American College of Obstetricians and  
25 Gynecologists-Hawaii Chapter;
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- 27 (3) The Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's  
28 Health, University of Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns  
29 School of Medicine;
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- 31 (4) The Hawaii Women's Coalition;
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- 33 (5) The Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus;
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- 35 (6) The Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of  
36 Hawaii;
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- 38 (7) The Hawaii Primary Care Association;
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- 40 (8) Hawaii Youth Services Network;
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- 42 (9) Planned Parenthood of Hawaii; and  
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- 44 (10) March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter;



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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOH is requested to convene the  
4 working group not later than 60 days after the adoption of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
8 to submit a final report, including its findings,

9 recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the

10 Governor and the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the  
11 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health;  
15 Director of Human Services; President of the American College of  
16 Obstetricians and Gynecologists-Hawaii Chapter; Chairperson of  
17 the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health at  
18 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns School of  
19 Medicine; Hawaii's Women's Coalition; Hawaii Women's Legislative  
20 Caucus, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii;  
21 Hawaii Primary Care Association; Executive Director of Planned  
22 Parenthood of Hawaii; Executive Director of Hawaii Youth  
23 Services Network; and Executive Director of March of Dimes -  
24 Hawaii Chapter.

