
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO RESEARCH AVENUES OF
APPROPRIATE FINANCING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR
FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, INCLUDING USE OF
REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS.

1 WHEREAS, the State is committed to ensuring that all
2 residents have access to affordable, quality health care; and
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4 WHEREAS, the network of nonprofit federally qualified
5 health centers provides critically needed primary and
6 preventative care to low income communities throughout the
7 State; and
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9 WHEREAS, capital outlays for purchase or construction of
10 adequate facilities, equipment, and technology systems are
11 needed for these federally qualified health centers to provide
12 quality care and ensure patient and staff safety; and
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14 WHEREAS, the costs for land lease or purchase, facility
15 renovation or construction, and equipment and technology
16 acquisition are substantial and increasing; and
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18 WHEREAS, federally qualified health centers, by virtue of
19 their mission and financing, find it difficult to pay for
20 capital costs or to obtain conventional financing; and
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22 WHEREAS, the establishment of a low-interest revolving loan
23 for federally qualified health center capital improvement
24 projects would assist such health centers to serve low income
25 people, and, hence, address the State's commitment; now,
26 therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
31 requested to research avenues of appropriate financing for



1 capital improvements for federally qualified health centers,
2 including but not limited to revolving loan funds; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
5 requested to consult with:

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- 7 (1) The Department of Budget and Finance;
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- 9 (2) The Hawaii Primary Care Association;
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- 11 (3) The Department of Business, Economic Development, and
- 12 Tourism;
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- 14 (4) The Hawaii Community Foundation; and
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- 16 (5) Other associations and stakeholder groups that may be
- 17 able to assist in this task;

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
22 requested to report findings and recommendations to the
23 Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
24 Session of 2007; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
28 the Director of Finance, the Department of Business, Economic
29 Development and Tourism, the Hawaii Primary Care Association,
30 and the Hawaii Community Foundation.

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