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## HOUSE 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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1 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, forty publicly funded family planning  
2 clinics provide contraceptive care to seventeen thousand women  
3 of childbearing age yearly; and  
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5 WHEREAS, family planning clinics in Hawaii are currently  
6 able to serve only fifteen per cent of all women in need of  
7 publicly supported contraceptive services; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2006, that the Department of Health is requested to convene a  
12 working group to determine family planning funding needs for  
13 legislative consideration in the State's 2007-2008 biennial  
14 budget; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
17 requested to include, as members of the working group,  
18 representatives of the following:  
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- 20 (1) The American College of Obstetricians and  
21 Gynecologists-Hawaii Chapter;  
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- 23 (2) The Department of Human Services;  
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- 25 (3) The Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's  
26 Health, University of Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns  
27 School of Medicine;  
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- 29 (4) The Hawaii Women's Coalition;  
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- 31 (5) The Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus;  
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- 33 (6) The Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of  
34 Hawaii; and  
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- 36 (7) The Primary Care Association of Hawaii; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
39 requested to convene the working group not later than sixty days  
40 after the adoption of this Resolution; and  
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
43 to submit a final report, including findings, recommendations,  
44 and proposed legislation, if any, to the Governor and the



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