
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 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
31 publicly supported contraceptive services because they have
32 incomes below 250 percent of the federal poverty level; and
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1 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, 40 publicly funded family planning
2 clinics provide contraceptive care to 17,000 women of
3 childbearing age yearly; and
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5 WHEREAS, family planning clinics in Hawaii are currently
6 able to serve only 15 percent of all women in need of publicly
7 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 (DOH) is requested to
12 convene a working group to determine family planning funding
13 needs for legislative consideration in the State's 2007-2009
14 biennial budget; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOH is requested to include, as
17 members of the working group, representatives of the following:
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- 19 (1) The Department of Human Services;
- 20 (2) The American College of Obstetricians and
21 Gynecologists-Hawaii Chapter;
- 22 (3) The Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's
23 Health, University of Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns
24 School of Medicine;
- 25 (4) The Hawaii Women's Coalition;
- 26 (5) The Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus;
- 27 (6) The Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of
28 Hawaii;
- 29 (7) The Hawaii Primary Care Association;
- 30 (8) Hawaii Youth Services Network;
- 31 (9) Planned Parenthood of Hawaii; and
32 (10) March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOH is requested to convene the
2 working group not later than 60 days after the adoption of this
3 Resolution; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
6 to submit a final report, including its findings,
7 recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the
8 Governor and the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the
9 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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

