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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO AUTHORIZE AND  
APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ALLOW ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES  
RESERVE COMPONENT TO ACCESS THE TRICARE PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, Army National Guard members are fulfilling  
2 commitments in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, and the Sinai, with  
3 members of the Hawaii Army National Guard having recently served  
4 in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

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6           WHEREAS, presently almost half of all service personnel  
7 deployed in Iraq are members of the reserve components of the  
8 United States armed forces, including members of the National  
9 Guard and Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps Reserves; and

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11           WHEREAS, under present law, for every ninety day period on  
12 active duty, a member of the reserve component receives one year  
13 of cost-share TRICARE health benefits if the member agrees to  
14 serve that year with a reserve component; and

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16           WHEREAS, while well-intentioned, this measure does not go  
17 far enough to solve the problem of medical readiness that exists  
18 in the reserve component and can affect the mobilization and  
19 deployment of intact reserve component units; now, therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2006, that the Congress of the United States is urged to  
24 authorize and appropriate funds to allow all members of the  
25 reserve component to access TRICARE health benefit coverage on a  
26 cost-share basis, without restrictions; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States  
3 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
4 Representatives, the Secretary of Defense, members of Hawaii's  
5 congressional delegation, the Governor, and the Adjutant  
6 General.

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