
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE 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 State;
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9 WHEREAS, capital outlays for purchase or construction of
10 adequate facilities, equipment, and technology systems are needed
11 for these federally qualified health centers to provide quality
12 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 capital
20 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 Senate of the Twenty-third
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
31 Budget and Finance is requested to convene a task force of
32 interested stakeholders to research avenues of appropriate
33 financing for capital improvements for federally qualified health
34 centers, including but not limited to revolving loan funds; and

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the task
3 force includes, but is not limited to, representatives from:

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5 (1) The Department of Budget and Finance;
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7 (2) The Department of Health;
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9 (3) The Hawaii Primary Care Association;
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11 (4) The Department of Business, Economic Development, and
12 Tourism;
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14 (5) The Hawaii Community Foundation; and
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16 (6) 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 Budget and
22 Finance is requested to report findings and recommendations to
23 the 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 Finance,
28 the Director of Health, the Director of Business, Economic
29 Development and Tourism, the Hawaii Primary Care Association,
30 and the Hawaii Community Foundation.