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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ELIMINATE THE CONCEPT  
OF POSITIVE ENROLLMENT FROM THE RECENTLY ISSUED QUEST  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

1           WHEREAS, on March 13, 2006, the Department of Human  
2 Services issued a Request for Proposal regarding the QUEST  
3 program; and  
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5           WHEREAS, section 30.500 of the Request for Proposal  
6 requires positive enrollment for all current QUEST  
7 beneficiaries, to occur between August 1 and August 20, 2006;  
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10           WHEREAS, "positive enrollment" would require all 165,000  
11 QUEST beneficiaries to select a QUEST plan and a Primary Care  
12 Provider; and  
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14           WHEREAS, current QUEST beneficiaries have already selected  
15 a QUEST plan and Primary Care Provider; and  
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17           WHEREAS, requiring these vulnerable populations to comply  
18 with the positive enrollment requirements may cause confusion,  
19 delay needed health care procedures, disrupt case management, or  
20 result in the loss of contact between patients and their current  
21 Primary Care Providers;  
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23           WHEREAS, positive enrollment will place additional costs  
24 and administrative burdens on QUEST providers; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
28 that the Director of Human Services is urged to amend the  
29 Department's March 13, 2006 Request for Proposal to remove the  
30 positive enrollment requirement relating to the QUEST program  
31 and to reinstate the plan change period provision, by which  
32 QUEST beneficiaries are given the option to change plans prior  
33 to the beginning of the new contract period; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Human Services  
2 is requested to report actions taken in response to this  
3 Resolution to the Legislature no later than May 1, 2006; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.

