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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 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  
7 State; and  
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9 WHEREAS, capital outlays for purchase or construction of  
10 adequate facilities, equipment, and technology systems are  
11 needed for these federally qualified health centers to provide  
12 quality 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  
20 capital 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,  
30 that the Department of Health is requested to research avenues  
31 of appropriate financing for capital improvements for federally  
32 qualified health centers, including but not limited to revolving  
33 loan funds; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
2 requested to consult with:

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- 4 (1) The Department of Budget and Finance;
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- 6 (2) The Hawaii Primary Care Association;
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- 8 (3) The Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
9 Tourism;
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- 11 (4) The Hawaii Community Foundation; and
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- 13 (5) Other associations and stakeholder groups that may be  
14 able to assist in this task;

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
19 requested to report findings and recommendations to the  
20 Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
21 Session of 2007; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the  
25 Director of Finance, the Department of Business, Economic  
26 Development and Tourism, the Hawaii Primary Care Association,  
27 and the Hawaii Community Foundation.

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