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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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CONVENING A JOINT TASK FORCE TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONCERNING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS OF THE HAWAII  
HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

1 WHEREAS, Chapter 323F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS),  
2 relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), was  
3 enacted by Act 262, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 1996 (Act  
4 262), for the purpose of administering the State's community  
5 hospitals; and

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7 WHEREAS, HHSC was envisioned as a new corporate structure  
8 that would be freed from unwarranted bureaucratic oversight; and

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10 WHEREAS, Act 262 created HHSC to operate the existing  
11 community hospitals under a Board of Directors and empowered  
12 HHSC to perform many functions consistent with those of other  
13 public corporations established to operate health care systems  
14 with relative autonomy; and

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16 WHEREAS, Act 229, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998, was enacted  
17 to amend laws concerning HHSC by establishing an Executive  
18 Public Health Management Advisory Committee, empowering the  
19 chief executive officer of HHSC to establish certain exempt  
20 management positions and enabling HHSC to negotiate most terms  
21 of collective bargaining agreements; and

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23 WHEREAS, over the past ten years, HHSC has been able to  
24 achieve substantial improvements in operations and facilities by  
25 using the structure and powers provided by statute; and

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27 WHEREAS, some members of the management of HHSC, Regional  
28 Management Advisory Committees, and HHSC medical staff have  
29 recently sought greater autonomy for HHSC regions; and



WHEREAS, there has also been heated debate during the 2007 legislative session--within and without the Legislature--over whether:

- (1) The establishment of regional affiliate corporations would create such dysfunction and conflict that it would cause the HHSC system to fail and collapse; and
- (2) Regional autonomy can be appropriately provided through regional boards or whether regional autonomy appropriately requires the establishment of separate regional affiliate corporations;

and

WHEREAS, leaders of HHSC and the Legislature believe that the arguments must be resolved for HHSC to evolve and improve as a system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives convene a joint task force (Task Force), consisting of no more than three members from each house, during the interim between the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Task Force include:

- (1) The chair and vice chair of the Senate standing Committee on Health;
- (2) The chair and vice chair of the House standing Committee on Health;
- (3) One member from each HHSC Regional Management Advisory Committee;
- (4) Two members from the Board of Directors of HHSC; and



(5) One representative from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is exempt from Chapter 92, HRS; and

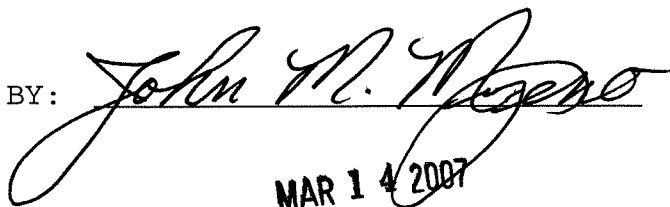
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force review the concerns raised by the Maui Region Public Health Facility Management Advisory Committee, Executive Public Health Management Advisory Committee, and members of the Board of Directors of HHSC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) is requested to assist the Task Force in the review of Chapter 323F, HRS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature at least 20 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, chief executive officer of HHSC, mayor of each county, Director of SHPDA, administrator of the State Procurement Office, President of the state Senate, and Speaker of the state House of Representatives.

OFFERED BY:

  
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