
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996 (Act 262), for
4 the purpose of administering the State's community hospitals;
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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, amended laws
17 concerning HHSC by establishing an Executive Public Health
18 Facility Management Advisory Committee, empowering the chief
19 executive officer of HHSC to establish certain exempt management
20 positions, and enabling HHSC to negotiate most terms of
21 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



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

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5 (1) The establishment of regional affiliate corporations
6 would create such dysfunction and conflict that it
7 would cause the HHSC system to fail and collapse; and
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9 (2) Regional autonomy can be appropriately provided
10 through regional boards or whether regional autonomy
11 appropriately requires the establishment of separate
12 regional affiliate corporations;
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16 WHEREAS, leaders of HHSC and the Legislature believe that
17 the arguments must be resolved for HHSC to evolve and improve as
18 a system; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the President of
23 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
24 convene a joint task force (Task Force), consisting of no more
25 than three members from each house, during the interim between
26 the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Task Force
29 also include:
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31 (1) The chair of the Senate Committee on Health or a
32 designee;
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34 (2) The chair of the House Committee on Health or a
35 designee;
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37 (3) One member from each of the five HHSC Regional
38 Management Advisory Committees;
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40 (4) One member from the Board of Directors of HHSC; and
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42 (5) The Director of Health or a designee;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be exempt from
2 Chapter 92, HRS; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force review the
5 concerns raised by the Maui Region Public Health Facility
6 Management Advisory Committee, Executive Public Health
7 Management Advisory Committee, and members of the Board of
8 Directors of HHSC; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the State
11 Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) is requested to
12 assist the Task Force in the review of Chapter 323F, HRS; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force submit a report
15 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, to the Legislature at least 20 days before the
17 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
21 chief executive officer of HHSC, mayor of each county, Director
22 of SHPDA, administrator of the State Procurement Office,
23 President of the state Senate, and Speaker of the state House of
24 Representatives.

