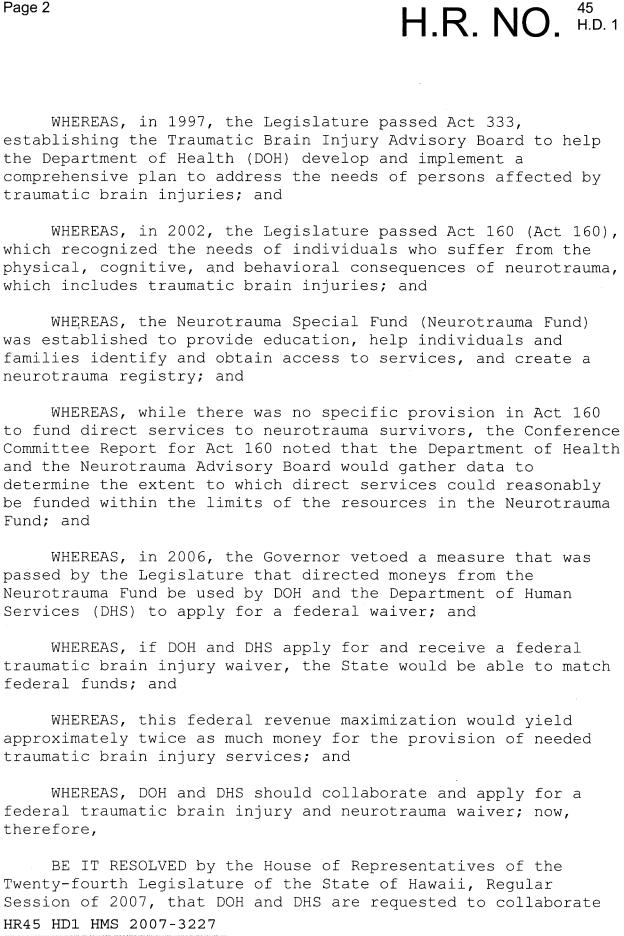
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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO COLLABORATE AND APPLY FOR A FEDERAL TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND NEUROTRAUMA WAIVER.

WHEREAS, every year, approximately 1.9 million people in 1 the United States experience traumatic brain injuries; and 2 3 4 WHEREAS, the physical consequences of a traumatic brain injury include impaired speech, vision and hearing loss, 5 headaches, muscle spasticity, paralysis, and seizure disorders; 6 7 and 8 WHEREAS, the cognitive consequences of a traumatic brain 9 10 injury include memory deficits, limited concentration, impaired perception and communication, and difficulty reading, writing, 11 12 planning, and with judgment; and 13 14 WHEREAS, the psychological, social, behavioral, and emotional consequences of a traumatic brain injury include 15 16 fatigue, mood swings, denial, anxiety, depression, lack of 17 motivation, and problems with interpersonal skills; and 18 WHEREAS, advances in neurosurgery and rehabilitation 19 20 therapy have dramatically increased the number of traumatic brain injury survivors, but little has been accomplished to help 21 them adjust to their lives after experiencing a traumatic brain 22 injury; and 23 24 25 WHEREAS, there is a large community of individuals who are affected by traumatic brain injuries in Hawaii; and 26 27 28 WHEREAS, the State lacks effective, affordable treatment and rehabilitation programs and community support for these 29 individuals, their families, and their caregivers that could 30 facilitate their independent living; and 31







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and apply for a federal traumatic brain injury and neurotrauma 1 waiver no later than December 31, 2008; and 2 3 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in formulating an application for a federal traumatic brain injury waiver, the Departments of 5 Health and Human Services are requested to consult with 6 community stakeholders, such as the Traumatic Brain Injury 7 Advisory Board and the Neurotrauma Advisory Board, to determine 8 services that need to be included in the waiver; and 9 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Departments of Health and 11 12 Human Services are requested to submit an interim report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of 13 the 2008 Regular Session, and a final report to the Legislature 14 15 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and 16 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim report include: 18 19 20 (1)A detailed time line for completion of the waiver application; 21 22 23 (2) The number of individuals expected to be served by the 24 waiver; 25 The services that will be included in the waiver; and 26 (3) 27 28 (4) A recommendation regarding whether the State's portion of the waiver's financial commitment should be funded 29 exclusively by general fund appropriations or using 30 31 some portion of moneys from the Neurotrauma Special Fund; and 32 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOH and DHS should include 34 sufficient appropriations to meet the financial requirements 35 under the terms of the waiver in their Executive Budget 36 37 requests; and 38 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Director of 40 Human Services, Chair of the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory 41 42 Board, and Chair of the Neurotrauma Advisory Board.

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