
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONDUCT STUDIES ON THE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO THE STATE AND THE STATE'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF PROVIDING CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AT ALL FIVE STAGES.

1 WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease is a potentially fatal
2 disease that may affect all age groups, and its progression is
3 divided into five stages; and
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5 WHEREAS, patients at the last stage of chronic kidney
6 disease, also called end stage renal disease, require dialysis
7 or kidney transplantation; and
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9 WHEREAS, the cost of treatment and care for patients with
10 end stage renal disease is much higher than for patients who are
11 in the earlier stages of chronic kidney disease; and
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13 WHEREAS, it is estimated that ten per cent of Hawaii's
14 population, or one hundred thousand individuals, have a form of
15 chronic kidney disease, and two thousand of these patients have
16 end stage renal disease; and
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18 WHEREAS, Hawaii's percentage of the population with end
19 stage renal disease is higher than the rest of the country, and
20 the number of these patients is also increasing at a higher rate
21 than the rest of the country; and
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23 WHEREAS, it is estimated that the current costs for caring
24 for end stage renal disease patients in Hawaii is \$125,000,000,
25 and that cost is projected to reach \$144,000,000 by 2011; now,
26 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative
4 Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the
5 potential financial impact to the State's healthcare system of
6 providing care for patients with chronic kidney disease at all
7 five stages; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
10 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to conduct a
11 study analyzing the potential impact to the State's economy of
12 providing care for patients with chronic kidney disease at all
13 five stages; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the John A. Burns School of
16 Medicine at the University of Hawaii, the Hawaii chapter of the
17 National Kidney Foundation, and St. Francis Healthcare System of
18 Hawaii are requested to assist the Legislative Reference Bureau
19 and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
20 Tourism by providing relevant data and information for the
21 purposes of their studies; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
24 Bureau and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
25 Tourism are requested to submit reports of their findings and
26 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
27 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
31 Legislative Reference Bureau; the Director of Business, Economic
32 Development, and Tourism; the President of the University of
33 Hawaii; the Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine; the
34 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii chapter of the National
35 Kidney Foundation; and the Chief Executive Officer of St.
36 Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.

