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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF HAWAII WILL ADOPT THE 10 PRINCIPLES  
FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM AS PROPOSED BY THE NATIONAL  
FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS.

1           WHEREAS, our current system of health insurance and health  
2 care is financially unsustainable and threatens the health and  
3 financial security of the American people; and  
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5           WHEREAS, small-business owners and their employees are  
6 especially vulnerable to the weaknesses of our current system;  
7 now, therefore,  
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9           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the health care  
12 policy pursued by the state will adopt the 10 Small Business  
13 Principles for Health Care Reform as advocated by the National  
14 Federation of Independent Business; and  
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16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
17 will be **Universal**: all Hawaii residents should have access to  
18 quality care and protection against catastrophic costs. A  
19 government safety net should enable the neediest to obtain  
20 coverage; and  
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22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
23 will be **Private**: To the greatest extent possible, residents  
24 should receive their health insurance and health care through  
25 the private sector. Care must be taken to minimize the extent to  
26 which governmental safety nets crowd out private insurance and  
27 care; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
30 will be **Affordable**: Health care costs to individuals, providers,



1 governments and businesses must be reasonable, predictable and  
2 controllable; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
5 will be **Unbiased**: Health care and tax laws should not push  
6 Hawaiians into employer-provided or government-provided  
7 insurance programs and hobble the market for individually  
8 purchased policies. Small employers should be treated the same  
9 as large employers, who can already pool across state lines. A  
10 health care system built on employer mandates or on play-or-pay  
11 taxes is unacceptable; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
14 will be **Competitive**: Consumers should have many choices among  
15 insurers and providers. Policymakers must alleviate the  
16 limitations that state boundaries and treatment mandates place  
17 on competitiveness; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
20 will be **Portable**: Americans should be able to move throughout  
21 the United States and change jobs without losing their health  
22 insurance; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
25 will be **Transparent**: Information technology should enable all  
26 parties to access accurate, user-friendly information on costs,  
27 quality and outcomes. Providers must be able to obtain  
28 relatively complete medical histories of patients. At the same  
29 time, patients' privacy must be guarded zealously. The private  
30 sector must play a vital role in developing the new  
31 technologies; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
34 will be **Efficient**: Health care policy should encourage an  
35 appropriate level of spending on health care. Laws, regulations  
36 and insurance arrangements should direct health care spending to  
37 those goods and services that will maximize health. Adequate  
38 risk pools throughout the health care system are vital to  
39 accomplishing these goals; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
42 will be **Evidence-based**: The health care system must encourage  
43 consumers and providers to accumulate evidence and to use that

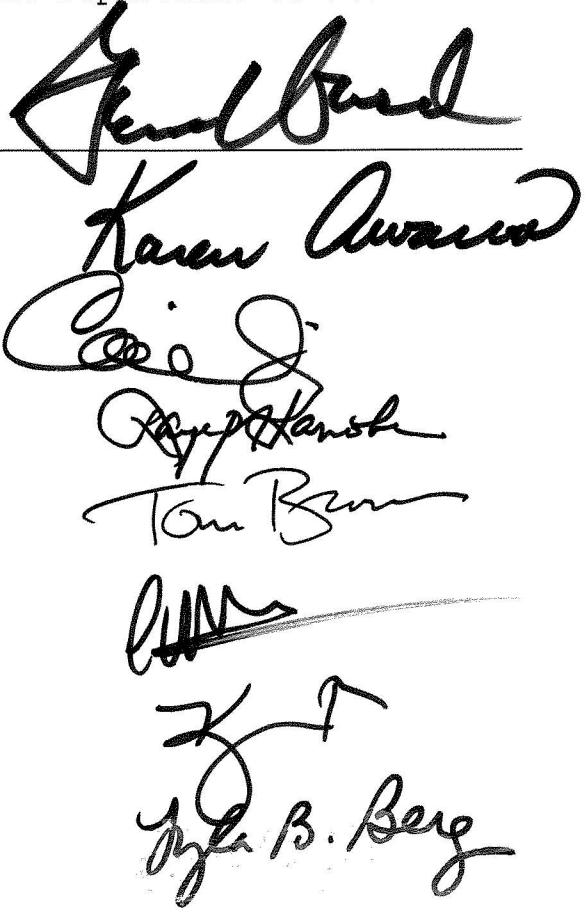


1 evidence to improve health. Appropriate treatment choices and  
2 better wellness and preventive care should be key outcomes; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy  
5 will be **Realistic**: Health care reform should proceed as rapidly  
6 as possible, but not so quickly that firms and individuals  
7 cannot adjust prudently. It is important to assure that no one's  
8 quality of care suffers as we move to provide coverage for all  
9 Americans; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the  
13 State of Hawaii and the Director of the Department of Health.  
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