
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT 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 costs is projected to reach \$144,000,000 by 2011; now,
26 therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2008, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is
31 requested to conduct a study on the potential financial and
32 economic impact to the State and the State's healthcare system



1 of providing care for patients with chronic kidney disease at
2 all five stages; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
5 Bureau, in preparing the study, is requested to consult with and
6 utilize data available from the John A. Burns School of Medicine
7 at the University of Hawaii and the Hawaii chapter of the
8 National Kidney Foundation; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
11 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
12 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
13 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
17 Reference Bureau, the President of the University of Hawaii, the
18 Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, and the Executive
19 Director of the Hawaii Chapter of the National Kidney
20 Foundation.

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