
HOUSE 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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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 impact



1 to the State's healthcare system of providing care for patients
2 with chronic kidney disease at all five stages; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
5 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to conduct a
6 study analyzing the potential impact to the State's economy of
7 providing care for patients with chronic kidney disease at all
8 five stages; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the John A. Burns School of
11 Medicine at the University of Hawaii, the Hawaii chapter of the
12 National Kidney Foundation, and St. Francis Healthcare System of
13 Hawaii are requested to assist the Legislative Reference Bureau
14 and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
15 Tourism by providing relevant data and information for the
16 purposes of their studies; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
19 Bureau and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
20 Tourism are requested to submit reports of their findings and
21 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
22 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
26 Reference Bureau; the Director of Business, Economic
27 Development, and Tourism; the President of the University of
28 Hawaii; the Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine; the
29 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii chapter of the National
30 Kidney Foundation; and the Chief Executive Officer of St.
31 Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.

