
HOUSE 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, that the health care policy pursued by the
12 state will adopt the 10 Small Business Principles for Health
13 Care Reform as advocated by the National Federation of
14 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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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy
 2 will be **Evidence-based**: The health care system must encourage
 3 consumers and providers to accumulate evidence and to use that
 4 evidence to improve health. Appropriate treatment choices and
 5 better wellness and preventive care should be key outcomes; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's health care policy
 8 will be **Realistic**: Health care reform should proceed as rapidly
 9 as possible, but not so quickly that firms and individuals
 10 cannot adjust prudently. It is important to assure that no one's
 11 quality of care suffers as we move to provide coverage for all
 12 Americans; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii
 16 and the Director of the Department of Health.
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