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## SENATE 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 over twenty per cent of  
14 Hawaii's population have or are predisposed to develop chronic  
15 kidney disease, and over two thousand four hundred of these  
16 patients have 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 Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
30 that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a  
31 study on the potential financial and economic impact to the  
32 State and the State's healthcare system of providing care for  
33 patients with chronic kidney disease at all five stages; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau, in preparing the study, is requested to consult with and utilize data available from the John A. Burns School of Medicine and the School of Public Health at the University of Hawaii as well as the Hawaii chapter of the National Kidney Foundation and the St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the President of the University of Hawaii, the Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation, and the Executive Director of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.

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