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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM 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 impact to the State and the



1 State's healthcare system of providing care for patients with  
2 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 Legislative Reference  
11 Bureau and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
12 Tourism, in preparing the study, are requested to consult with  
13 and utilize data available from the John A. Burns School of  
14 Medicine and the School of Public Health at the University of  
15 Hawaii as well as the Hawaii Chapter of the National Kidney  
16 Foundation and the St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii; 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 is requested to submit a report of its 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 the Department of Business,  
27 Economic Development, and Tourism; the President of the  
28 University of Hawaii; the Dean of the John A. Burns School of  
29 Medicine; the Executive Director of the Hawaii Chapter of the  
30 National Kidney Foundation; and the Executive Director of St.  
31 Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.

