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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING A STATE-LED COORDINATED EFFORT BY THE HEALTH CARE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE THAT HAWAII IS ABLE TO RAPIDLY RESPOND TO AND QUALIFY FOR GRANT MONEY OFFERED IN THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 FOR HEALTH CARE INFORMATION EXCHANGE TECHNOLOGY.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii is on its way to becoming a national leader  
2 in the field of health care technology as demonstrated by recent  
3 innovations in online care and electronic medical records; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the state's unique geographic location  
6 necessitates fostering cutting-edge ideas and technologies to  
7 help overcome obstacles to access medical care especially for  
8 the disadvantaged and disabled populations and those residing in  
9 rural areas; and  
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11           WHEREAS, real-time sharing of comprehensive patient-  
12 centered medical information between consumers and providers  
13 will decrease medical errors, enhance adherence to best practice  
14 guidelines, and advance improvements in quality health care; and  
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16           WHEREAS, establishing and developing health information  
17 exchanges within the United States (U.S.) has become  
18 increasingly significant, reflecting the changing role that  
19 information technology plays in the way government and  
20 businesses operate; and  
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22           WHEREAS, critically needed information can be provided  
23 immediately and can play a major role in recovery efforts in  
24 times of national and local disasters, such as Hurricane  
25 Katrina, with the establishment and development of health  
26 information exchanges within the U.S.; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
2 (ARRA) contains funding opportunities for states to improve the  
3 infrastructure related to medical technology, specifically for  
4 creating a health information exchange and promoting the use of  
5 electronic medical records; and

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7           WHEREAS, funding under ARRA will support the growth,  
8 expansion, and use of health information technology, through a  
9 public-private partnership among all interested health care  
10 stakeholders, to build a statewide health information exchange  
11 network for the people of Hawaii; and

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13           WHEREAS, this partnership should include state agencies  
14 responsible for designating an entity to be considered a "state  
15 designated entity" qualified to receive funding under ARRA; and

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17           WHEREAS, stakeholders in the community are already  
18 mobilizing so that Hawaii can be one of the first states to  
19 apply for federal health information technology grant funding;  
20 now, therefore,

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22           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
24 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges the  
25 Department of Health (DOH), Department of Human Services (DHS),  
26 and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
27 (DBEDT) to work jointly in coordinating stakeholders in the  
28 health care community and the technology community to ensure  
29 that Hawaii is able to rapidly respond to and qualify for grant  
30 money offered in ARRA for health care information exchange  
31 technology; and

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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOH, DHS, and DBEDT ensure  
34 these efforts are in concert with guidance from our  
35 congressional delegation to ensure its effectiveness in securing  
36 ARRA funding; and

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38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOH, DHS, and DEBDT are  
39 requested to invite organizations they deem necessary to  
40 participate in this coordinated effort; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Hawaii's  
3 congressional delegation; the Director of Health; the Director  
4 of Human Services; the Director of Business, Economic  
5 Development, and Tourism; the Chief Executive Officer of the  
6 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; the Dean of the John A. Burns  
7 School of Medicine; the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii  
8 Medical Service Association; the Chief Executive Officer of  
9 Kaiser Permanente Hawaii; the Chair of the Hawaii Broadband Task  
10 Force; the Chair of the Hawaii Telehealth Collaborative; the  
11 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Information  
12 Exchange, Inc.; the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii  
13 Primary Care Association; and the President of the Hawaii  
14 Medical Association.

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