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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENSURING THAT ANY LEGISLATIVE EFFORT TO REPAIR THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN HAWAII SHOULD INCORPORATE SUSTAINABLE WELLNESS PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING CAUSAL FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH CHRONIC DISEASE.

1           WHEREAS, increases in costs related to providing healthcare  
2 for an aging population and the increasing number of people with  
3 chronic disease create a crisis for the healthcare system in  
4 Hawaii; and

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6           WHEREAS, over 72,000 individuals in Hawaii have been  
7 diagnosed with diabetes and more than 25,000 remain undiagnosed;  
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10          WHEREAS, the leading cause of death in Hawaii is  
11 cardiovascular disease, which is responsible for more than 36%  
12 of all deaths in the state; and

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14          WHEREAS, overweight and obese individuals are at increased  
15 risk for developing many diseases, including cardiovascular  
16 disease and diabetes; and

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18          WHEREAS, low-income families face an increased risk of  
19 developing chronic disease and do not have the resources  
20 necessary to avoid developing serious health problems related to  
21 such chronic disease; and

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23          WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence that suggests  
24 wellness programs that promote lifestyle changes can diminish  
25 the incidence and severity of chronic disease, provide a  
26 substantial return on investment, and reduce reliance on the  
27 conventional medical care system; and

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1 WHEREAS, the state of Hawaii has a responsibility to  
2 reengineer the Nation's healthcare system to allow for the  
3 provision of adequate healthcare for future generations; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's healthcare system must be revised to  
6 allow for the provision of adequate healthcare for future  
7 generations; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii State  
12 Legislature should ensure that any revisions of the healthcare  
13 system in Hawaii incorporate sustainable wellness programs that  
14 address the underlying casual factors associated with chronic  
15 disease; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public have access to  
18 strategies for improving individual health through lifestyle  
19 change, including strategies relating to diet, exercise, smoking  
20 cessation, and stress reduction; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of  
24 Health.  
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