
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH A
BLUE RIBBON PANEL TO CONDUCT A HEALTH CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT
AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE ANALYSIS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation informed the
2 Legislature in a communication to the Senate President and
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives dated June 30, 2008, that
4 the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation anticipates an operating
5 loss of \$62,000,000 in fiscal year 2008-2009; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation has
8 requested the Legislature to approve the substantial reduction
9 or elimination of direct patient care services within certain
10 regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to
11 avoid the shortfall; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature has dealt with the Hawaii Health
14 Systems Corporation's request in a separate Concurrent
15 Resolution; and
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17 WHEREAS, in the same communication, the Hawaii Health
18 Systems Corporation proposed the creation of a Blue Ribbon Panel
19 to study and make recommendations on a viable, affordable, and
20 effective health care system to serve the communities presently
21 served by the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation's facilities;
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24 WHEREAS, under the proposal, the basic objective of the
25 Blue Ribbon Panel would be to conduct a health care needs
26 assessment and operational structure analysis; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the creation of the
29 Blue Ribbon Panel is a worthy idea that may result in necessary
30 and affordable improvements to the public health care system in
31 the State; now, therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2009, that the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is requested
2 to establish a Blue Ribbon Panel to:

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4 (1) Conduct an assessment of the existing and projected
5 health care needs of the communities presently served
6 by Hawaii Health Systems Corporation facilities;

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8 (2) Conduct an analysis of alternative operational
9 structures for the delivery of the health care
10 services needed in those communities -- citing
11 relevant state laws that require amendment to
12 implement the different structures analyzed;

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14 (3) Make recommendations on the types and levels of
15 services that should be provided by the State; and

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17 (4) Make recommendations for the optimal structure to
18 deliver those health care services; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Health Systems
21 Corporation is requested to establish the Blue Ribbon Panel to
22 consist of eighteen members, each to be appointed by the
23 following:

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25 (1) Three members representing labor unions to be
26 appointed by the:

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28 (A) United Public Workers;

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30 (B) Hawaii Government Employees Association; and

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32 (C) International Longshore and Warehouse Union,
33 Local 142;

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35 (2) One member representing the Hawaii Health Systems
36 Corporation Board of Directors to be appointed by that
37 board;

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39 (3) Five members representing the Hawaii Health Systems
40 Corporation's five regional system boards of directors
41 to be appointed by the respective regional system
42 boards;

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44 (4) Three members representing the business community to
be appointed one each by the Governor, the President



of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(5) Two members of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation medical staff leaders to be appointed by the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Physician Leader Group;

(6) One senator and one representative of the Legislature to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively;

(7) The Director of Health; and

(8) One member representing the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to be appointed by that organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is requested to provide administrative, technical, and clerical support for the Blue Ribbon Panel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Blue Ribbon Panel is requested to submit a report of any findings and recommendations, including any necessary proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health, President of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Chairperson of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board of Directors, Chairperson of each regional system board of directors, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Physician Leaders Group, State Director of the United Public Workers, Executive Director of the Hawaii Government Employees Association, President of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142, and President of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

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