
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CREATION OF A HAWAII ALL-
PAYER HEALTH CLAIMS DATABASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPARENT
PUBLIC REPORTING OF HEALTH CARE INFORMATION.

1 WHEREAS, according to the State Scorecard published in 2007
2 by the Commonwealth Fund, Hawaii ranked number one among the
3 states in health system performance and is a leader in improving
4 and reforming its health system; and

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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii is always seeking to improve the quality of
7 health care provided; and

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9 WHEREAS, all-payer claims databases provide information
10 necessary to determine utilization patterns and rates, identify
11 gaps in needed disease prevention and health promotion, assist
12 with benefit design and planning, and establish clinical
13 guideline measurements related to quality, safety, and
14 continuity of care; and

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16 WHEREAS, seven states have already established all-payer
17 claims databases and three more states are currently developing
18 programs; and

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20 WHEREAS, all-payer claims databases provide benefits and
21 information to consumers, employers, health plans, insurance
22 providers, researchers, and state government; and

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24 WHEREAS, all-payer claims databases increase insurers',
25 hospitals', and physicians' accountability by providing
26 consumers with easily accessed and understood information
27 comparing services, costs, and success rates; and

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29 WHEREAS, all-payer claims databases will provide the State
30 and hospitals with the comprehensive information necessary to



1 reform Hawaii's hospitals to be cost-efficient without
2 sacrificing their high standard of care; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Insurance
7 Commissioner is requested to establish an advisory committee to
8 make recommendations regarding the creation and maintenance of a
9 Hawaii all-payer claims database for the purpose of publicly
10 reporting health care and health quality data including
11 information on safety, quality, cost, and efficiency at all
12 levels of health care; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee shall be
15 named the Committee on the Creation of a Hawaii All-Payer Health
16 Claims Database (Committee); and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Committee is
19 to research and report to the Legislature:

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21 (1) What data is necessary to measure the safety,
22 timeliness, effectiveness, efficiency, equity, and
23 patient-centeredness of Hawaii's health care;
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25 (2) Specific methods and strategies, including mandatory
26 and voluntary reporting, to measure and collect data
27 related to health care safety and quality,
28 utilization, cost to payers and purchasers, and health
29 outcomes;
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31 (3) Recommendations about the inclusion of data on the
32 uninsured;
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34 (4) Types of information that allow public and private
35 health care purchasers, consumers, and data analysts
36 to identify and compare health plans, health insurers,
37 health care facilities, and health care providers
38 regarding the provision of safe, cost-effective, high-
39 quality health care services;
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41 (5) Data elements that foster quality improvement and peer
42 group comparisons;
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- 1 (6) Strategies to facilitate value-based, cost-effective
2 purchasing of health care services by public and
3 private purchasers and consumers;
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- 5 (7) Methods to use and build upon existing data collection
6 standards and methods to establish and maintain the
7 database in a cost-effective and efficient manner;
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- 9 (8) Recommendations on where the database should be
10 located;
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- 12 (9) Discussion on whether to harmonize a Hawaii database
13 with other states' and regions' all-payer claims
14 databases and what steps would be necessary to do so;
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- 17 (10) Viable options of funding the creation of the all-
18 payer health claims database and a plan for the
19 financial stability of the database; funding should
20 include gifts, grants, fees, or donations; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee consist of the
23 following members:

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- 25 (1) One member of academia with experience in health care
26 data and cost efficiency research;
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- 28 (2) One representative of the Healthcare Association of
29 Hawaii;
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- 31 (3) One representative of an integrated, multi-specialty
32 health care organization;
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- 34 (4) One representative of the Hawaii Medical Association
35 representing physicians and surgeons;
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- 37 (5) One representative of small businesses, as determined
38 by Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations section
39 121.201, that purchase group health insurance for
40 employees; provided that the representative is not a
41 supplier or broker of health insurance;
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- 43 (6) One representative from one of the largest employers
44 in the State that purchases health insurance for



- 1 employees; provided that the representative is not a
- 2 supplier or broker of health insurance;
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- 4 (7) One representative of self-insured employers; provided
- 5 that the representative is not a supplier or broker of
- 6 health insurance;
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- 8 (8) One representative of an organization that processes
- 9 insurance claims or certain aspects of employee
- 10 benefit plans for a separate entity;
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- 12 (9) One representative of a non-profit organization with
- 13 demonstrated experience working with employers to
- 14 enhance value and affordability in health insurance;
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- 16 (10) One person with a demonstrated record of advocating
- 17 health care privacy issues on behalf of consumers;
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- 19 (11) One person with a demonstrated record of advocating
- 20 health care issues on behalf of consumers;
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- 22 (12) One representative of the Hawaii Primary Care
- 23 Association;
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- 25 (13) One representative of non-profit health insurers;
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- 27 (14) One representative of for-profit health insurers;
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- 29 (15) One representative of pharmacists or an affiliate
- 30 society;
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- 32 (16) One representative of the Hawaii Health Information
- 33 Corporation; and
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- 35 (17) One representative of non-profit organizations that
- 36 facilitate health information exchange to improve
- 37 health care for the people of Hawaii; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following act as ex officio
40 members of the Committee:

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- 42 (1) The administrator of the Med-QUEST Division or the
- 43 administrator's designee;
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1 (2) The Director of Health or the Director's designee; and

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3 (3) One representative of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health
4 Benefits Trust Fund; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Committee
7 select a chairperson from among themselves, and the chairperson
8 is requested to convene meetings; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Committee
11 serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Committee be situated in the
14 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs for administrative
15 purposes; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
18 Bureau is requested to assist the Committee in drafting its
19 recommendations and proposed legislation; provided that the
20 Committee is requested to submit its recommendations and
21 proposed legislation to the Legislative Reference Bureau by
22 November 15, 2010; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee is requested to
25 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
26 any implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than
27 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2011;
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee cease to exist
31 after the adjournment sine die of the 2011 Regular Session of
32 the Legislature; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
36 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
37 Representatives, the Chair of the House Standing Committee on
38 Health, the Director of Health, the Director of Human Services,
39 the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Insurance
40 Commissioner, the Chief Executive Officers of the Healthcare
41 Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii
42 Primary Care Association, and Hawaii Health Information
43 Corporation, the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau,



- 1 and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Employer-
- 2 Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

