
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE ON
ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR
STANDARDIZING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRACTICES AMONG
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

1 WHEREAS, the widespread use of electronic health records
2 systems would contribute to greater efficiency and cost savings
3 in the practice of medicine in Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, in addition to more effective storage and
6 transmission of medical records and patient data, interoperable
7 electronic health record systems would contribute to greater
8 efficiency and savings in medical billing and claims, both for
9 private and government payors; and
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11 WHEREAS, the medical records systems and claims used by
12 agencies within the Department of Health are incompatible with
13 the electronic data systems of many of their behavioral health
14 providers; and
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16 WHEREAS, data incompatibilities often lead to providers
17 having to enter their electronic patient notes twice: once into
18 systems that are compatible with federal claims systems and
19 again into the State's outdated system; and
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21 WHEREAS, many of the data compatibility problems
22 experienced by behavioral health care providers would be
23 remedied if the Department of Health, were to upgrade to an
24 electronic system that meets the federal health data system
25 standards for registration and billing that are established by
26 the Health Information Privacy and Portability Act of 1996,
27 popularly known as "HIPAA"; and
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29 WHEREAS, President Obama's administration has established
30 electronic medical records development as a cornerstone of



1 national health care reform, and made federal economic recovery
2 and stimulus funds available for projects that create health
3 care savings by implementing electronic medical data systems;
4 now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
9 requested to convene a task force on electronic health records
10 to develop a strategy for standardizing information technology
11 practices among behavioral health providers and the Department
12 of Health, including medical claims forms and medical records,
13 to make the provision of behavioral health care more efficient;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
17 the task force include:
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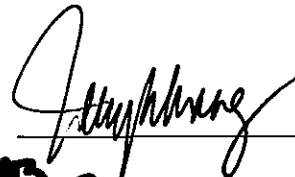
- 19 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee, who
20 is requested to serve as its chair;
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- 22 (2) Representatives of each of the behavioral health
23 agencies within the Department of Health, to be
24 designated by the Director; and
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- 26 (3) Members of the behavioral health care provider
27 community, who shall be requested to serve by the
28 Director of Health; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
31 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
32 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
33 the Regular Session of 2011; and
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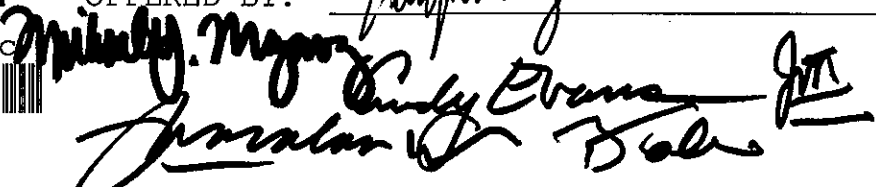
35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
37 who in turn, is requested to distribute copies of this
38 resolution to the heads of the behavioral health agencies within
39 the Department of Health, and to members of the behavioral
40 health provider community.
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