
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT A DIABETES RESEARCH TASK FORCE BE ESTABLISHED TO
STUDY PREVENTION STRATEGIES, TRACK POLICY CHANGES AND
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE WITH RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR
HALTING THE PROGRESSION OF PRE-DIABETES.

1 WHEREAS, WHEREAS, the 2010 Hawaii Diabetes Plan states
2 that more than 110,000 persons in Hawaii have diabetes and that
3 approximately 39,000 of said persons do not yet know of their
4 illness; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control estimates that 41
7 million people have pre-diabetes nationwide, it is prudent to
8 note that population studies have found that amongst persons who
9 have been diagnosed with diabetes, a variety of risk factors
10 compound to make the development of cardiovascular disease two
11 to four times more likely, with heart disease and stroke causing
12 65 percent of deaths, ultimately propelling diabetes to be
13 deemed the seventh leading cause of death in Hawaii; and
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15 WHEREAS, diabetes is the leading cause of an array of
16 emotionally and fiscally disconcerting health problems and the
17 origin of annual change in the number of persons with kidney
18 disease, eye disease and amputations which have in turn resulted
19 in: 40,000 new cases of kidney failure, 12,000-24,000 new cases
20 of blindness, and 82,000 non-traumatic limb amputations; and
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22 WHEREAS, the most acute complications of diabetes often
23 result from uncontrolled or unmanaged cases of diabetes, some of
24 which could have been prevented, delayed or reduced in scope
25 through the appropriate application of evidence-based strategies
26 for lifestyle behavior modification; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance
29 Survey has found that nearly 80 percent of diabetes diagnoses
30 are found in cases involving overweight and obese individuals,



1 when, in conjunction with the finding that adults with diabetes
2 were overweight and obese considerably more often than their
3 counterparts, suggests a strong link between lifestyle and the
4 development of diabetes; and
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6 WHEREAS, there currently exists within the Department of
7 Health the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, which
8 includes the Hawaii Diabetes Coalition and the Hawaii Diabetes
9 Task Force; and
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11 WHEREAS, the existing Hawaii Diabetes Task Force is
12 designed to meet on a biennial basis, with the sole intended
13 purpose of reviewing, and revising as needed the Hawaii State
14 Practice Recommendations for healthcare professionals; and
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16 WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that research programs
17 throughout the nation are reporting alarming trends in diabetes
18 data, largely concurring that a significant portion of negative
19 outcomes associated with the illness were preventable, the State
20 of Hawaii must allocate more time, attention and effort to the
21 analysis of pre-diabetes data; and
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23 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is a globally recognized
24 research institution that boasts students from both ethnically
25 and academically diverse origins, who demonstrate concern for
26 their community and a choice to pursue a career consistent with
27 the intellectual demands of serving on a designated research
28 task force; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Pre-Diabetes
33 Research Task Force is created within the University of Hawaii,
34 and shall exist as a five member task force, comprised of one
35 graduate student representative from each of the following
36 departments; the John A. Burns School of Medicine, the
37 Department of Psychology, the Department of Political Science,
38 the Department of Public Health and the Department of Food
39 Science and Human Nutrition; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the graduate student
42 representatives who serve on the Hawaii Pre-Diabetes Research
43 Task Force shall do so without compensation, and for a length of


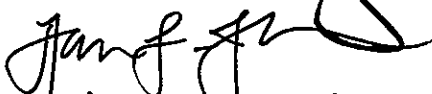







1 time not to exceed the termination of active graduate student
2 status; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Pre-Diabetes
5 Research Task Force prepare a report on these efforts and submit
6 their findings to the Legislature no less than twenty days prior
7 to its convening in 2013; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to all program departments within the
11 University of Hawaii, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the
12 Director of the State Department of Health, the Director of the
13 State Department of Human Services, the Director of the Office
14 of Hawaiian Affairs, the American Cancer Society and the
15 President of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans.

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