
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AN UPDATE ON THE
PROGRESS OF THEIR ACTION PLAN AND AN OVERVIEW OF THEIR
STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE DIABETES EPIDEMIC IN THE STATE OF
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the 2010 Hawaii Diabetes Plan states that more
2 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 Plan further states that many diabetes-related
7 complications can be prevented or reduced through improved self-
8 care, early detection and early treatment; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Plan is created within the Department of
11 Health, by the Hawaii Diabetes Prevention and Control Program,
12 information for the requested update will be easily accessible
13 to the Department; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Plan states that research conducted by the
16 Center for Disease Control suggests a strong link between the
17 development of diabetes and a person's lifestyle behaviors, such
18 as obesity, treatment of pre-diabetes should be a priority for
19 the Department; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Department considers the effective treatment
22 of obesity an issue of significant importance, and openly
23 acknowledges the urgency of need for an intervention in
24 healthcare settings, such that the number of persons with
25 obesity and other prevalent pre-diabetes conditions be reduced;
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28 WHEREAS, the Plan estimates that direct medical costs, such
29 as medical expenditures, average nearly 2.4 times more for
30 persons with diabetes, in contrast to those without; and



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2 WHEREAS, the State is currently facing substantial
3 projected budgetary shortfalls that could impede the development
4 of an obesity prevention pilot program, or any other program
5 with similar intent; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Department has acknowledged the Hawaii obesity
8 epidemic, and has stated that it is currently being addressed
9 through the efforts of programs such as the Healthy Hawaii
10 Initiative and the Family Health Services Division, but has not
11 provided evidence of their progress to date; and
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13 WHEREAS, the requested update will benefit residents of the
14 State of Hawaii by providing strategic information to State
15 lawmakers, who concur with the Department on their fiscal
16 concerns in regards to unknown costs associated with the
17 implementation of an obesity prevention pilot program; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2011, that the Department of Health shall provide a written
23 update to the Legislature containing the current strategies for
24 addressing the diabetes epidemic, an estimate of the costs
25 incurred as a result of the successful implementation of an
26 obesity prevention pilot program, and a description of the
27 innovative solutions that will address the pre-diabetes problem;
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department's report shall
31 be submitted to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
32 to the convening of the 2012 regular session; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of
36 Hawaii, the Director of the State Department of Health, the
37 Director of the State Department of Human Services, the Director
38 of the Department of Education, the Director of the Office of
39 Hawaiian Affairs and the President of the University of Hawaii.
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