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## HOUSE 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, that the Hawaii Pre-Diabetes Research Task Force is  
33 created within the University of Hawaii, and shall exist as a  
34 five member task force, comprised of one graduate student  
35 representative from each of the following departments; the John  
36 A. Burns School of Medicine, the Department of Psychology, the  
37 Department of Political Science, the Department of Public Health  
38 and the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the graduate student  
41 representatives who serve on the Hawaii Pre-Diabetes Research

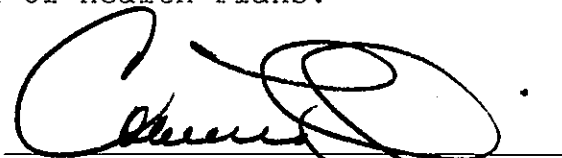







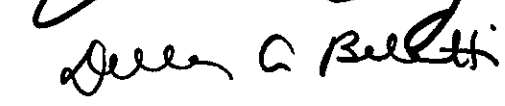



1 Task Force shall do so without compensation, and for a length of  
2 time not to exceed the termination of active graduate student  
3 status; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Pre-Diabetes  
6 Research Task Force prepare a report on these efforts and submit  
7 their findings to the Legislature no less than twenty days prior  
8 to its convening in 2013; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to all program departments within the  
12 University of Hawaii, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the  
13 Director of the State Department of Health, the Director of the  
14 State Department of Human Services, the Director of the Office  
15 of Hawaiian Affairs, the American Cancer Society and the  
16 President of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans.  
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