
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE EFFICACY OF COMBINING STATE GOVERNMENT HEALTH POLICY, PLANNING, AND PURCHASING IN A SINGLE AGENCY IN ORDER TO ADVANCE TRANSFORMATION OF HAWAII'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO CARE.

1 WHEREAS, the quality and cost of healthcare affects every
2 resident of Hawaii, whether the individual is covered by public
3 or private insurance or uninsured; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State spends nearly a quarter of its budget on
6 healthcare purchasing and provides insurance for more than one-
7 third of the population; and
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9 WHEREAS, new approaches to healthcare delivery, payment,
10 and use of information technology can have a transformative
11 effect on Hawaii's health and healthcare, resulting in more
12 consistently high quality of care, reduced cost inflation, and a
13 healthier population; and
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15 WHEREAS, the federal Affordable Care Act offers the State
16 opportunities, guidance, and new requirements to transform its
17 healthcare system; and
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19 WHEREAS, transforming the state government's structure for
20 healthcare policy, planning, and purchasing is part of a long-
21 term plan for healthcare transformation and universal access to
22 care that promises better quality and greater cost-effectiveness
23 for beneficiaries of the State's programs as well as having a
24 positive influence on the healthcare delivery and payment
25 systems outside the state government's purview; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Office of the Governor
30 is requested to conduct a study on the efficacy of combining



1 state government health policy, planning, and purchasing in a
2 single agency to advance transformation of Hawaii's healthcare
3 system and universal access to care; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall identify the
6 advantages and any disadvantages of such a change in
7 departmental structure, enumerate the steps and timeline for
8 making such a change, and provide an estimate of both the costs
9 for implementation as well as potential savings and benefits;
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor
13 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
14 Legislature, including any proposed legislation, no later than
15 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
16 2013; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President
20 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
21 Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Director of Human
22 Services, Director of Health, and Administrator of the Hawaii
23 Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

