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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A STATE ACTION  
PLAN TO COMBAT CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE IN THE  
STATE.

1           WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is one of  
2 the most common adult respiratory diseases and the third leading  
3 cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause  
4 of disability; and

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6           WHEREAS, this debilitating disease refers to a group of  
7 diseases that cause airflow blockage and breathing-related  
8 problems, and includes emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and in  
9 some cases, asthma; and

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11           WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is an  
12 enormous burden to society, in terms of direct costs to  
13 healthcare services, indirect costs through loss of  
14 productivity, and deterioration of personal health and well-  
15 being; and

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17           WHEREAS, according to the National Institutes of Health,  
18 the annual costs of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease  
19 exceeds \$32 billion annually; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
22 indicates that in the United States, while tobacco use is a key  
23 factor in the development and progression of chronic obstructive  
24 pulmonary disease, other factors such as asthma, exposure to air  
25 pollutants in the home and workplace, genetic factors, and  
26 respiratory infections also play a role; and

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28           WHEREAS, although chronic obstructive pulmonary disease has  
29 received increasing attention from the medical community in  
30 recent years, and despite the enormous costs and high prevalence  
31 of this disease, it is still relatively unknown by the public



1 and scant attention has been given to educating the public about  
2 this disease and informing them about preventive measures and  
3 effective treatments to combat this disease; and

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5 WHEREAS, in 1998, in an effort to bring more attention to  
6 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, its management, and its  
7 prevention, a group of scientists encouraged the United States  
8 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the World Health  
9 Organization to form the Global Initiative for Chronic  
10 Obstructive Lung Disease; and

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12 WHEREAS, similar to the national and global initiatives, a  
13 state action plan is necessary to combat chronic obstructive  
14 pulmonary disease, with an emphasis on prevention, diagnosis,  
15 and treatment; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
19 of 2012, that the Department of Health is requested to develop a  
20 state action plan to combat chronic obstructive pulmonary  
21 disease in the State; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing a state action  
24 plan to combat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, the  
25 Department of Health is requested to include the following  
26 components:

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28 (1) Education and awareness;  
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30 (2) Health care, including diagnosis, treatment, and  
31 management; and  
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33 (3) Data and surveillance; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
36 requested to submit:

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38 (1) A report of its progress in developing the state  
39 action plan to the Legislature no later than twenty  
40 days before the convening of the Regular Session of  
41 2013; and

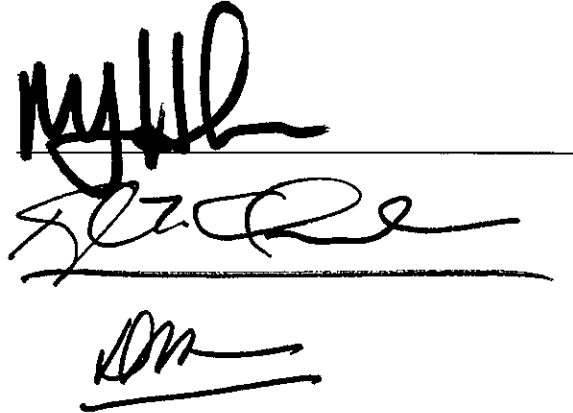


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1           (2) A copy of the state action plan to the Legislature no  
2           later than twenty days before the convening of the  
3           Regular Session of 2014; and  
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5           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6           Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii  
7           and the Director of Health.  
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