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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A DIABETES PREVENTION TASK FORCE TO  
STUDY PREVENTION STRATEGIES, TRACK POLICY CHANGES AND  
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE WITH RECOMMENDED ACTIONS HALTING  
THE DIABETES EPIDEMIC IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, diabetes is one of the biggest public health  
2 challenges facing Americans; and  
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4           WHEREAS, according to the American Diabetes Association,  
5 25.8 million children and adults in the United States, or 8.3  
6 per cent of the population, have diabetes; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the 2010 Hawaii Diabetes Plan states that more  
9 than 110,000 persons in Hawaii have diabetes and that  
10 approximately 39,000 of said persons do not yet know of their  
11 illness; and  
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13           WHEREAS, population studies have found that amongst persons  
14 who have been diagnosed with diabetes, a variety of risk factors  
15 compound to make the development of cardiovascular disease two  
16 to four times more likely, with heart disease and stroke causing  
17 65 percent of deaths, ultimately propelling diabetes to be  
18 deemed the seventh leading cause of death in Hawaii; and  
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20           WHEREAS, diabetes is the leading cause of an array of  
21 emotionally and fiscally disconcerting health problems and the  
22 origin of annual change in the number of persons with kidney  
23 disease, eye disease and amputations which have in turn resulted  
24 in: 40,000 new cases of kidney failure, 12,000-24,000 new cases  
25 of blindness, and 82,000 non-traumatic limb amputations; and  
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27           WHEREAS, Hawaii currently has approximately 2900 residents  
28 needing regular dialysis treatments and an additional 156,000  
29 residents with chronic kidney disease (CKD), which leads  
30 eventually to the need for dialysis treatments or kidney  
31 transplants; and  
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33           WHEREAS, the tragic closures of multiple local hospitals,  
34 including Liliha's HMC East, has left a significant gap in the



1 medical care services, including dialysis treatments, available  
2 to people in the state of Hawaii; and

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4 WHEREAS, patients need dialysis centers in different  
5 geographic locales throughout the state in order to maintain  
6 normal lifestyles while having access to services; and

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8 WHEREAS, there currently exists within the Department of  
9 Health the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, which  
10 includes the Hawaii Diabetes Coalition and the Hawaii Diabetes  
11 Task Force; and

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13 WHEREAS, the existing Hawaii Diabetes Task Force is  
14 designed to meet on a biennial basis, with the sole intended  
15 purpose of reviewing, and revising as needed the Hawaii State  
16 Practice Recommendations for healthcare professionals that can  
17 assist with the licensing of new dialysis and diabetes  
18 prevention centers in Hawaii; and

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20 WHEREAS, prevention measures that inform and educate the  
21 public about the risks associated with diabetes provided by this  
22 task force are needed to implement the appropriate application  
23 of evidence-based strategies for lifestyle behavior modification  
24 that mitigate the high costs to the nation's health care system;  
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27 WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is  
28 the national organization that oversees the licensing and  
29 certification of new facilities for inclusion in the Medicare  
30 program; and

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32 WHEREAS, the current licensure and certification process  
33 outlined by Medicare and Medicaid Services is one that is  
34 arduous and hinders new dialysis clinics and diabetes prevention  
35 centers from opening; and

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37 WHEREAS, Hawaii dialysis patients require a streamlined  
38 certification process that will allow more dialysis and diabetes  
39 prevention centers to open and deal with the current epidemic  
40 effecting every segment of our state's population; now,  
41 therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2012, that the Hawaii Diabetes Task Force is created within  
4 the Department of Health, and shall exist as a sixteen member  
5 task force, comprised of the following members:

- 6 (1) A representative appointed by the governor;
- 7 (2) The director of health or the director's designee;
- 8 (3) The director of human services or the director's  
9 designee;
- 10 (4) The superintendent of education or the  
11 superintendent's designee;
- 12 (5) The chairperson of the board of education or the  
13 chairperson's designee;
- 14 (6) The attorney general or the attorney general's  
15 designee;
- 16 (7) The director of taxation or the director's designee;
- 17 (8) The director of finance or the director's designee;
- 18 (9) The director of commerce and consumer affairs or the  
19 director's designee;
- 20 (10) A representative from the University of Hawaii  
21 department of public health sciences;
- 22 (11) A representative from the University of Hawaii John A.  
23 Burns school of medicine;
- 24 (12) A representative from the American Heart Association;
- 25 (13) A representative from the American Cancer Association;
- 26 (14) A representative from the American Diabetes  
27 Association;
- 28 (15) The speaker of the house of representatives or the  
29 speaker's designee; and
- 30 (16) The senate president or the president's designee; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall develop  
33 and recommend legislation, assemble accurate research of the  
34 best practices implemented by other state and county  
35 organizational policy agendas related to diabetes prevention  
36 policies, and develop a plan to raise awareness, create a  
37 central website for the State of Hawaii to provide convenient  
38 access to testing, and work with local public schools across the  
39 State of Hawaii to produce public service announcements taking  
40 into account socioeconomic and multicultural differences; and  
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet at  
43 least monthly from July 2012 to November 2012; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall report its  
 2 findings and recommendations on diabetes prevention, including  
 3 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than  
 4 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session each  
 5 year; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall explore  
 8 options to revise the current policies and procedures for  
 9 licensure and certification of new dialysis and diabetes  
 10 prevention centers, enacted by Medicare and Medicaid Services,  
 11 for the benefit of the people of Hawaii in need of dialysis  
 12 treatments; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 15 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional delegation,  
 16 the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Director of the State  
 17 Department of Health, the Director of the State Department of  
 18 Human Services, the Director of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs,  
 19 the Director of the Department of Education, the American Cancer  
 20 Society, the Restaurant Association, the Centers for Medicare  
 21 and Medicaid, and the President of the Hawaii Association of  
 22 Health Plans.

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