
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONSIDERATION IN SEEKING A VIABLE SOLUTION TO PROVIDE
INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS WITH INCOME BETWEEN
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE PERCENT AND TWO HUNDRED PERCENT OF
THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

1 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
2 (Public Law 111-148) was enacted by the United States Congress
3 on March 30, 2010, together with the Health Care and Education
4 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152); and

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6 WHEREAS, on July 1, 2012, to prepare for implementation of
7 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, individuals in
8 Hawaii earning more than one hundred thirty-three percent of the
9 federal poverty level were dropped from Medicaid coverage and
10 left without health insurance; and

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12 WHEREAS, individuals and families with incomes between one
13 hundred thirty-three percent and two hundred percent of the
14 federal poverty level comprise the working poor; also known as
15 the "gap group," these individuals and families are unlikely to
16 afford the purchase of health insurance through the Hawaii
17 Health Connector; and

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19 WHEREAS, the health care needs of the gap group and low-
20 income earners in Hawaii are more complex than higher wage
21 earners, often requiring multiple support systems more aligned
22 with a Medicaid benefit package than a commercial insurance
23 benefit package; and

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25 WHEREAS, patients in the gap group often seek care at
26 community health centers that provide fully integrated health
27 care homes which offer the array of preventive, medical,
28 primary, dental, behavioral, social, and enabling services that
29 are needed to attain favorable outcomes for patients with
30 complex and interrelated medical and social challenges; and



1 WHEREAS, the Compacts of Free Association population, which
2 the federal government has not supported under the Medicaid
3 program, has very few individuals in the gap group and therefore
4 will not represent an added cost to the state general fund; and
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6 WHEREAS, the federal government will support two hundred
7 percent of the Medicaid expansion for the gap group; and
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9 WHEREAS, the two predominant options for Hawaii to pursue
10 in offering health care coverage for individuals earning more
11 than one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty
12 level are expansion of Medicaid or the Hawaii Health Connector;
13 now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that this body urges
18 consideration in seeking a viable solution to provide insurance
19 coverage for Hawaii residents with incomes between one hundred
20 thirty-three percent and two hundred percent of the federal
21 poverty level; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
25 Director of Human Services, Director of Commerce and Consumer
26 Affairs, Insurance Commissioner, and Executive Director of the
27 Hawaii Health Connector.

