
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII HEALTH CARE PROJECT AND THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED, TECHNOLOGY-BASED HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force
2 established by Act 269, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2012, has found
3 that obesity is a major health and economic concern for Hawaii
4 and the nation, causing higher medical costs and lower quality
5 of life; and

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7 WHEREAS, in Hawaii adult obesity has more than doubled
8 between 1995 and 2009 and childhood obesity increased by 38%
9 from 1999 and 2009; and

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11 WHEREAS, in Hawaii one in three children entering
12 kindergarten is overweight or obese and one in two adults is
13 overweight or obese; and

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15 WHEREAS, obesity-related medical expenditures in Hawaii
16 were calculated to be over \$470 million in 2009, and are
17 continuing to rise; and

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19 WHEREAS, to address the problem of obesity in Hawaii's
20 population, the healthcare system demands an integrated
21 information technology system that provides an efficient means
22 to share clinical and other healthcare-related data about that
23 population residing in various registries and surveillance
24 systems in the State; and

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26 WHEREAS, Title XIII of Title A of the American Recovery and
27 Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Health Information Technology for
28 Economic and Clinical Health Act established a program under
29 Medicare and Medicaid to provide incentive payments to eligible
30 providers, hospitals, and critical access hospitals for the

1 "meaningful use" of certified electronic health records
2 technology; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State already has embarked on an effort to
5 modernize its Medicaid information technology system and is
6 poised to develop the eligibility system for the Hawaii Health
7 Connector utilizing federal funding available for these
8 purposes; and
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10 WHEREAS, these efforts at improving the Medicare and
11 Medicaid systems through the use of information technology will
12 go far to improving the efficiency of access to a patient's
13 health care information and, consequently, improving the
14 efficiency and quality of patient care; and
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16 WHEREAS, Section 3013 of the Health Information Technology
17 for Economic and Clinical Health Act also provides for the
18 promotion of health information technology through grants to a
19 State or a qualified State-designated entity; and
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21 WHEREAS, the State will benefit from the institution of a
22 statewide healthcare information architecture envisioned by the
23 provisions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and
24 Clinical Health Act by the resulting improved quality of care,
25 increased sharing of information needed to diagnose and treat
26 patients, enhanced privacy and security controls of healthcare
27 information, and reduction of redundant healthcare procedures
28 and costs; and
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30 WHEREAS, the State is committed to the implementation of the
31 Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health
32 Act and has designated the nonprofit Hawaii Health Information
33 Exchange as the state-designated entity to implement the
34 purposes of the Health Information Technology for Economic and
35 Clinical Health Act; and
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37 WHEREAS, the Governor of Hawaii has identified improving
38 the State's healthcare system, in total, as an Administration
39 priority and has established the Hawaii Health Care Project,
40 headed by the State's Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, and
41 to include representatives from all sectors of Hawaii's
42 healthcare system; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Care Project is targeting
2 strategies for significant, positive change in delivering and
3 paying for healthcare in Hawaii that will leverage the power of
4 information technology and data analysis to achieve continuous
5 improvement and determine how public policy and programs can be
6 shaped to support these changes; and
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8 WHEREAS, in recognizing the importance of an efficient,
9 technology-based healthcare information system, the Hawaii
10 Health Care Project is working directly with the Hawaii Health
11 Information Exchange to meet the objectives of the Hawaii Health
12 Care Project; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Care Project and Hawaii Health
15 Information Exchange are reviewing organizational changes,
16 including those that may require administrative action or
17 statutory amendments, that would help expedite the State
18 achieving the objectives of the Hawaii Health Care Project,
19 Hawaii Health Information Exchange and Health Information
20 Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act; and
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22 WHEREAS, a successful integrated, technology-based
23 healthcare information system demands a financial sustainability
24 model that allows all entities that benefit from the system to
25 share in the responsibility of maintaining that system; and
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27 WHEREAS, support for the efforts of the Hawaii Health Care
28 Project and Hawaii Health Information Exchange to implement an
29 efficient and effective, integrated, technology-based healthcare
30 information system is critical to the health and vitality of
31 Hawaii's resident; now therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawaii Health Care Project and
34 Hawaii Health Information Exchange ensure that the integrated
35 technology-based healthcare information system is developed with
36 and maintained under a public-private partnership to include
37 those with shared interests in providing data into and receiving
38 data through the system; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all State agencies that
41 collect and maintain healthcare-related data and information
42 cooperate with the Hawaii Health Care Project and Hawaii Health
43 Information Exchange's effort to develop and implement the
44 technology-based healthcare information system, to include, but

1 not be limited to, data housed in registries and surveillance
2 systems; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hawaii Health Care
5 Project, in cooperation with the Hawaii Health Information
6 Exchange, propose a sustainability model that maintains the
7 technology-based healthcare information system and provides for
8 all entities that benefit from the system to fairly share in the
9 financial responsibility to maintain that system to the
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the regular session of 2014; and

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13 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the State should maximize
14 efforts at applying for and receiving federal funding for the
15 development and improvement of technology-based healthcare
16 information systems.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AND HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED, TECHNOLOGY-BASED HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to assure a robust healthcare data environment to maximize the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity across the healthcare continuum and stages of life.

MEANS: Adoption of the proposed concurrent resolution.

JUSTIFICATION: Efforts to prevent and better manage obesity in Hawaii's population will be aided by more coordinated and timely sharing of appropriate medical records, exchanged in a secure manner.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH 495.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.