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# 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, found that  
3 obesity is a major health and economic concern for Hawaii and  
4 the nation, causing higher medical costs and lower quality of  
5 life; and

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7           WHEREAS, in Hawaii, adult obesity more than doubled between  
8 1995 and 2009, and childhood obesity increased by 38 percent  
9 from 1999 to 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 that is  
23 currently housed in various registries and systems about the  
24 State's population; and

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26           WHEREAS, Title XIII of Division A of the American Recovery  
27 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Health Information Technology  
28 for 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, efforts at improving the Medicare and Medicaid  
11 systems through the use of information technology will go far to  
12 improve the efficiency of access to patients' healthcare  
13 information and, consequently, improve the efficiency and  
14 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 through improved quality of care, increased  
25 sharing of information needed to diagnose and treat patients,  
26 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 implementing the Health  
31 Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act and  
32 has designated the nonprofit Hawaii Health Information Exchange  
33 as the state-designated entity to implement the Health  
34 Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the Governor has identified improving the State's  
37 healthcare system, in total, as an Administration priority and  
38 has established the Hawaii Health Care Project, headed by the  
39 State's Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, to include  
40 representatives from all sectors of Hawaii's healthcare system;  
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43 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Care Project is targeting  
44 strategies for significant, positive change in delivering and



1 paying for healthcare in Hawaii that will leverage the power of  
2 information technology and data analysis to achieve continuous  
3 improvement and determine how public policy and programs can be  
4 shaped to support these changes; and  
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6 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of an efficient,  
7 technology-based healthcare information system, the Hawaii  
8 Health Care Project is working directly with the Hawaii Health  
9 Information Exchange to meet the objectives of the Hawaii Health  
10 Care Project; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Care Project and Hawaii Health  
13 Information Exchange are reviewing organizational changes,  
14 including those that may require administrative action or  
15 statutory amendments, to help expedite the State's achievement  
16 of the objectives of the Hawaii Health Care Project, Hawaii  
17 Health Information Exchange, and Health Information Technology  
18 for Economic and Clinical Health Act; and  
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20 WHEREAS, a successful, integrated, technology-based  
21 healthcare information system demands a financial sustainability  
22 model that allows all entities that benefit from the system to  
23 share in the responsibility of maintaining the system; and  
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25 WHEREAS, support for the efforts of the Hawaii Health Care  
26 Project and Hawaii Health Information Exchange to implement an  
27 efficient and effective, integrated, technology-based healthcare  
28 information system is critical to the health and vitality of  
29 Hawaii's residents; now therefore,  
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
33 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the State of Hawaii  
34 support the efforts of the Hawaii Health Care Project and the  
35 Hawaii Health Information Exchange to implement an efficient and  
36 effective, integrated, technology-based healthcare information  
37 system; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Health Care Project  
40 and Hawaii Health Information Exchange ensure that the  
41 integrated technology-based healthcare information system is  
42 developed with and maintained under a public-private partnership  
43 to include those with shared interests in providing data into  
44 and receiving data through the system; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state agencies that collect  
2 and maintain healthcare-related data and information cooperate  
3 with the Hawaii Health Care Project and Hawaii Health  
4 Information Exchange's effort to develop and implement the  
5 technology-based healthcare information system to include but  
6 not be limited to data housed in registries and surveillance  
7 systems; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Health Care Project,  
10 in cooperation with the Hawaii Health Information Exchange:  
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12 (1) Propose a financial sustainability model that  
13 maintains the technology-based healthcare information  
14 system and provides for all entities that benefit from  
15 the system to fairly share in the financial  
16 responsibility to maintain that system; and  
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18 (2) Submit a report of the actions taken and the progress  
19 made on developing the model to the Legislature no  
20 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the  
21 Regular Session of 2014; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State maximize efforts at  
24 applying for and receiving federal funding for the development  
25 and improvement of technology-based healthcare information  
26 systems; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
30 of Health, and Hawaii Healthcare Transformation Coordinator.

