
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A STROKE
SYSTEM OF CARE IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, stroke is the leading cause of chronic disability
2 among adults in the State; and
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4 WHEREAS, rapid identification, diagnosis, and treatment of
5 stroke can improve outcomes for stroke patients; and
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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii needs an effective system to support the
8 rapid assessment and triage of stroke patients and provide
9 appropriate stroke treatment in a timely manner; and
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11 WHEREAS, a stroke system of care will improve the overall
12 care of stroke patients, increase patients' chances of survival,
13 and decrease the incidence of long-term disabilities associated
14 with stroke; and
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16 WHEREAS, such a system of care is recommended in *Hawaii's*
17 *Plan for the Prevention of Heart Disease and Stroke*, issued by
18 the Department of Health in November 2011; and
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20 WHEREAS, a stroke system of care should be established in
21 the State to evaluate, stabilize, and provide emergency and
22 inpatient care to patients with acute stroke; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2013, that the Department of Health is urged to
27 convene a task force to establish a stroke system of care in the
28 State that includes a statewide stroke database and registry by
29 December 31, 2015; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task
2 force comprise government, non-profit, and private health care
3 entities and include the following individuals:
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- 5 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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- 7 (2) The Emergency Medical Services Directors of each
8 county, or the Directors' designees;
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- 10 (3) A representative from the Neurotrauma Advisory Board
11 established under section 321H-3, Hawaii Revised
12 Statutes;
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- 14 (4) A representative from the American Heart Association
15 or the American Stroke Association;
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- 17 (5) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
18 the Speaker of the House;
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- 20 (6) A member of the Senate appointed by the Senate
21 President; and
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- 23 (7) Three representatives of the health care industry
24 selected by the Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing a stroke system
27 of care, the task force is requested to:
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- 29 (1) Examine and identify barriers to quality care for
30 stroke patients;
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- 32 (2) Review and assess national models, best practices,
33 guidelines, and standards of stroke care, comparative
34 to Hawaii's needs;
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- 36 (3) Update information regarding the stroke plan in the
37 *Hawaii Plan for the Prevention of Heart Disease and*
38 *Stroke*, issued by the Department of Health in November
39 2011, including a needs assessment that, in
40 particular, assures that Neighbor Island issues are
41 adequately addressed;



- 1 (4) Focus on ensuring that patients at risk of stroke are
2 provided care, at minimum, at a stroke support
3 facility based on criteria developed and used by the
4 American Heart Association, American Stroke
5 Association, or Brain Attack Coalition;
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- 7 (5) Use uniform pre-hospital protocols for the assessment
8 of stroke to alert appropriate hospitals to prepare
9 for potential acute stroke patients prior to their
10 arrival at the hospital;
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- 12 (6) Seek alignment with the State's Healthcare
13 Transformation priorities, including the requirements
14 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and
15 federal meaningful use of health information
16 technology priorities;
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- 18 (7) Include requirements for the measuring, reporting, and
19 monitoring of stroke care performance through data
20 collection;
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- 22 (8) Establish a statewide stroke database and registry in
23 which all hospitals and healthcare facilities can
24 participate and consider the feasibility of
25 integrating the data registry component through
26 American Heart Association or American Stroke
27 Association super-user licensure for the Department of
28 Health; and
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- 30 (9) Recommend protocols regarding direct transportation of
31 stroke patients to appropriate hospitals by emergency
32 medical personnel; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
35 propose legislation necessary to support Hawaii's stroke care
36 continuum; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the statewide stroke database
39 and registry include performance measurements obtained using a
40 standardized stroke measure set containing data that is
41 consistent with nationally-recognized guidelines on the



1 treatment of individuals with confirmed stroke within the State,
2 such as the American Heart Association's "Get With The
3 Guidelines - Stroke" or The Joint Commission's "Stroke
4 Performance Measurement Implementation Guide"; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
7 submit:
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9 (1) An initial report to the Legislature by December 31,
10 2013; and
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12 (2) A final report to the Legislature no later than 20
13 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
14 2015,
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16 of the task force's actions taken and progress made, including
17 findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation and
18 recommended funding levels, to establish a stroke system of care
19 that includes the creation of a statewide stroke database and
20 registry; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
24 Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
25 Chairperson of the Neurotrauma Advisory Board, Executive
26 Director of the American Heart Association of Hawaii, and
27 President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.
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