
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DEVICES TO
SUPPLEMENT EXISTING HAWAII STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

1 WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental
2 Illness, approximately thirty-two thousand Hawaii adults live
3 with serious mental illness and about twelve thousand Hawaii
4 children live with serious mental conditions; and
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6 WHEREAS, many people have complex medical conditions that
7 cannot be adequately stated on a medical alert device or people
8 may have conditions that they are reluctant to have publicly
9 displayed on a medical alert device; and
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11 WHEREAS, children may not be able to accurately convey the
12 specific type of medical condition that they have to teachers,
13 coaches, or daycare providers without a proper special
14 identification card or device; and
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16 WHEREAS, elderly people or people with Alzheimer's disease
17 or dementia may become so disoriented that it would be very
18 difficult for them to inform another person about their medical
19 conditions or other vital information; and
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21 WHEREAS, children and adults with medical conditions
22 possibly may be more inclined to wear medical identification
23 jewelry if the jewelry is attractive and comfortable; and
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25 WHEREAS, medical identification is now available in many
26 forms, such as cards, jewelry, Universal Serial Bus (USB), and
27 near field communication tags; and
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29 WHEREAS, there are medical identification bracelets for:
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31 (1) Advance directives;



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- 2 (2) Blood type;
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- 4 (3) The presence of implants;
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- 6 (4) Organ donor status;
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- 8 (5) The presence of a pacemaker; and
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- 10 (6) Many other types of medical conditions; and
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12 WHEREAS, with current technology, emergency medical
13 personnel can access a person's full medical history via medical
14 identification card, text message, or computer; and

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16 WHEREAS, in the case of a medical emergency, people who
17 have special identification cards that state a person's medical
18 conditions will be able to more quickly convey their medical
19 conditions to medical personnel, health care professionals, and
20 bystanders, which will help to prevent unnecessary delay in
21 obtaining medical treatment; and

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23 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently offers people the option of
24 obtaining Hawaii state identification cards but not any other
25 type of special identification cards or devices; and

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27 WHEREAS, having a reliable and accessible source of
28 information about a patient's medical conditions, such as the
29 Department of Transportation, to supplement what may be found on
30 the patient's identification card would make it easier for
31 medical personnel to gather information about the patient; now,
32 therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
35 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
36 Session of 2014, that the Department of Transportation is
37 requested to develop and issue special identification devices,
38 such as medical identification cards, medical identification
39 jewelry, or other alternative types of special identification
40 that allows the card holder or the device holder to provide
41 information about their specific medical conditions so that in



1 the case of an emergency, any person identifying the special
2 identification card or device will be alerted to the card or
3 device holder's medical conditions; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
6 Transportation is requested to consider different forms of
7 special identification, such as:

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9 (1) Jewelry;
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11 (2) License plates;
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13 (3) Name plates;
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15 (4) Pins;
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17 (5) Stickers for wheelchairs; and
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19 (6) Any other forms of special identification that may be
20 necessary; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
23 Transportation consider the issue of implementing a provision on
24 the Hawaii state identification card indicating that the holder
25 also has a special identification card or device; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the
29 Director of Transportation, and the Director of the Alzheimer's
30 Association Aloha Chapter.

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33 OFFERED BY:



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