
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO
ESTABLISH A HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE WITHIN THE INSURANCE
DIVISION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF
HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
2 performs a variety of functions for the benefit of businesses,
3 consumers, and the general population of the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, the department's Insurance Division is responsible
6 for overseeing the insurance industry in the State and ensuring
7 that consumers are provided with insurance services, including
8 services relating to health care, that meet acceptable standards
9 of quality, equity, and dependability at fair rates; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Insurance Division is uniquely positioned to
12 help devise improvements to the delivery of health care in the
13 State; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
18 Commerce and Consumer Affairs is requested to establish within
19 the Insurance Division a health care task force to develop a
20 plan to improve the delivery of health care in the State; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
23 comprise thirteen members to be appointed by the Governor
24 without regard to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as
25 follows:
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- 27 (1) Three members selected from a list of persons
28 nominated by the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives;



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- 2 (2) Three members selected from a list of persons
- 3 nominated by the President of the Senate;
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- 5 (3) One member selected from a list of persons recommended
- 6 by the Insurance Commissioner;
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- 8 (4) Three members from private sector organizations;
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- 10 (5) Two members representing public sector unions; and
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- 12 (6) One member representing neighbor island residents,
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14 with all appointments to be made by July 15, 2016, and any
15 vacancy in the task force's membership to be filled in the same
16 manner as the original appointment; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the task force
19 are requested to have experience in health care and the health
20 care industry; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
23 select a chairperson from among its members and to develop
24 procedures for removal or suspension of members for cause; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to conduct business a
27 majority of task force members shall constitute a quorum and,
28 when a quorum is in attendance, the concurrence of a majority of
29 the members in attendance shall make any action of the task
30 force valid; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care task force is
33 requested to develop a plan to improve the delivery of health
34 care in the State and specifically to address:

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- 36 (1) The efficiency and effectiveness of the health care
- 37 delivery system, including ways to improve
- 38 efficiencies and effectiveness;



- 1 (2) The impact of consolidation, acquisition, and
2 partnerships of hospitals on health care delivery;
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- 4 (3) The shortage of physicians statewide, including
5 recruitment, retention, and training of physicians in
6 the State; and
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- 8 (4) The status and effectiveness of the University of
9 Hawaii medical residency program in addressing the
10 shortage of physicians in the State, particularly in
11 rural communities; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may request
14 assistance from the Insurance Division of the Department of
15 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Health, Department
16 of Human Services, other appropriate state agencies, others in
17 the health field, and the public in fulfilling the purpose of
18 the task force; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member of the task force
21 shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
22 solely because of that member's participation as a member of the
23 task force; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Insurance Division of the
26 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is requested to
27 provide administrative, reporting, and drafting support to the
28 task force; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care task force is
31 requested to submit the plan, including a report of its
32 findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the
33 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of
34 the Regular Session of 2017; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care task force is
37 requested to cease to operate on December 31, 2017; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
41 and Consumer Affairs, the Director of Health, and the Director
42 of Human Services.



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