
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AND CONVENE A
SEPSIS BEST PRACTICES GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, sepsis is a serious medical condition caused by an
2 overwhelming immune response to bacterial infection, whereby
3 immune chemicals released into the blood to combat infection
4 trigger widespread inflammation; and

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6 WHEREAS, sepsis can lead to shock, organ failure, and
7 death; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
10 indicates that sepsis kills more than 258,000 Americans each
11 year and leaves thousands of survivors with life-changing after
12 effects; and

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14 WHEREAS, there are over 1,000,000 cases of sepsis in the
15 United States each year, with sepsis being the ninth-leading
16 cause of disease-related death in the nation; and

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18 WHEREAS, patients hospitalized for sepsis or septicemia had
19 longer lengths of stay and more than an eight-fold increase in
20 in-hospital mortality than patients hospitalized for other
21 diagnoses; and

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23 WHEREAS, the current outbreak of dengue fever in Hawaii
24 County further necessitates heightened attention to sepsis, as
25 dengue shock syndrome is a type of sepsis; and

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27 WHEREAS, dengue shock syndrome occurs due to the dengue
28 virus that causes abdominal pain, hemorrhage, and circulatory
29 collapse or shock, which can cause multi-organ failure; and
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1 WHEREAS, the threat of mortality for both septic shock and
2 dengue shock syndrome are higher in children and the elderly,
3 who have weaker immune systems; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Legislature recognized the
6 seriousness of sepsis and requested the convening of a task
7 force to recommend ways to reduce incidents of sepsis and
8 sepsis-related deaths in the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, in its January 2015 report to the Legislature, the
11 State of Hawaii Sepsis Task Force "concluded that the optimal
12 approach to work towards early recognition of sepsis and
13 reducing sepsis deaths across the [S]tate is to regularly
14 convene experts from Hawaii's acute care hospitals in a Sepsis
15 Best Practice[s] Group"; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of Health
20 is requested to establish a Sepsis Best Practices Group; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health invite
23 one physician champion and one administrative representative
24 from each of Hawaii's acute care hospitals to become members of
25 the Sepsis Best Practices Group; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sepsis Best Practices Group
28 engage in the following tasks recommended by the State of Hawaii
29 Sepsis Task Force:
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- 31 (1) Meet regularly to discuss best practices, educational
32 opportunities, and emerging federal sepsis policies
33 and regulations, as well as recommend implementation
34 of best practices, as necessary;
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- 36 (2) Facilitate the performance of a sepsis improvement
37 needs-assessment within each facility so that
38 facilities can best determine resource allocation;
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- 40 (3) Monitor the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
41 Services' consideration of National Quality Forum



