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SENATE 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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31 WHEREAS, the threat of mortality for both septic shock and
32 dengue shock syndrome are higher in children and the elderly,
33 who have weaker immune systems; and



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2 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Legislature recognized the
3 seriousness of sepsis and requested the convening of a task
4 force to recommend ways to reduce incidents of sepsis and
5 sepsis-related deaths in the State; and
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7 WHEREAS, in its January 2015 report to the Legislature, the
8 State of Hawaii Sepsis Task Force "concluded that the optimal
9 approach to work towards early recognition of sepsis and
10 reducing sepsis deaths across the [S]tate is to regularly
11 convene experts from Hawaii's acute care hospitals in a Sepsis
12 Best Practice[s] Group"; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
16 that the Director of Health is requested to establish a Sepsis
17 Best Practices Group; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health invite
20 one physician champion and one administrative representative
21 from each of Hawaii's acute care hospitals to become members of
22 the Sepsis Best Practices Group; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sepsis Best Practices Group
25 engage in the following tasks recommended by the State of Hawaii
26 Sepsis Task Force:
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- 28 (1) Meet regularly to discuss best practices, educational
29 opportunities, and emerging federal sepsis policies
30 and regulations, as well as recommend implementation
31 of best practices, as necessary;
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- 33 (2) Facilitate the performance of a sepsis improvement
34 needs-assessment within each facility so that
35 facilities can best determine resource allocation;
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- 37 (3) Monitor the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
38 Services' consideration of National Quality Forum
39 measure #0500 and address the impact that the measure
40 is likely to have on Hawaii hospitals if adopted;
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- 1 (4) Work towards defining a more representative sepsis
- 2 incidence baseline in the State through administrative
- 3 or clinical data;
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- 5 (5) Partner with each acute care hospital's associated
- 6 critical access hospital to disseminate current best
- 7 practices regarding early recognition and intervention
- 8 in sepsis; and
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- 10 (6) Encourage the adoption of sepsis educational materials
- 11 and initiatives by facilities; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and

14 recommendations of the Sepsis Best Practices Group be

15 considered, and incorporated as feasible, as part of a

16 comprehensive plan to be developed by the Department of Health

17 to combat sepsis; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sepsis Best Practices Group

20 is requested to submit a written report of its findings and

21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the

22 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of

23 the Regular Session of 2017; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this

26 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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