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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MED-QUEST DIVISION
TO SUBMIT ANNUAL MEDICAID ENROLLMENT REPORTS TO THE
LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services ("DHS") Med-QUEST
2 Division administers the state Medicaid program, and its mission
3 is to provide eligible low-income adults and children access to
4 health and medical coverage through managed care plans; and
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6 WHEREAS, DHS receives appropriations of over one billion
7 dollars from the state general fund every year, and spends
8 approximately eighty per cent of those funds to administer Med-
9 QUEST; and
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11 WHEREAS, DHS prepares an annual report which includes a
12 broad overview of its Med-QUEST Division, and the Office of the
13 Auditor conducts yearly audits of DHS's overall financial
14 health; and
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16 WHEREAS, in its 2015 annual report, DHS reported 332,197
17 total Med-QUEST enrollees, including 94,827 enrollees having
18 joined in the last three years alone; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Med-QUEST program is among the state's largest
21 programs, and ongoing fiscal oversight and efforts at cost
22 containment are integral to its continued success; and
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24 WHEREAS, several other states such as Rhode Island, Utah,
25 Mississippi, Ohio, Nebraska and Louisiana require the
26 departments administering their respective Medicaid programs to
27 annually report enrollment data with significantly more
28 demographic and geographic specificity than is currently
29 provided by DHS; and
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31 WHEREAS, presentation of meaningful data on costs borne by
32 the State to administer Medicaid will enable lawmakers and DHS



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1 to formulate sound, well informed policies regarding the
2 administration of the program; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
6 that the Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division is
7 requested to prepare an annual Medicaid enrollment report; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
10 Services is requested to submit its annual Medicaid enrollment
11 report to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the
12 convening of every regular session beginning in 2017; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of
16 the Department of Human Services.
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