
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO ASSESS THE IMPACT
OF USING MEDICAID FUNDS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE
TREATMENT FOR HOMELESSNESS.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness continues to be one of the State's
2 most significant and challenging social problems; and

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4 WHEREAS, according to the 2016 Hawaii Statewide Homeless
5 Point-In-Time conducted in January 2016, there are 7,921
6 homeless individuals in the State, an overall increase of four
7 percent from 2015; and

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9 WHEREAS, homeless persons face a myriad of issues,
10 including general health issues, mental illness, substance
11 abuse, loss of employment and income, and a lack of affordable
12 housing; and

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14 WHEREAS, many people who experience homelessness have high
15 health care needs and costs; and

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17 WHEREAS, for many of these individuals with complex health
18 conditions, housing instability can be a significant barrier to
19 regular health care access, which results in excessive use of
20 expensive emergency department, inpatient treatment, and crisis
21 services; and

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23 WHEREAS, by recognizing the importance of housing stability
24 within the practice of health care for homeless individuals and
25 exploring creative and innovative solutions to address homeless
26 individuals' health care needs through housing stability from
27 traditional and non-traditional resources, the State may be able
28 to recover the costs that homeless individuals incur over their
29 lifetime; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



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1 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
 2 conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to
 3 provide coverage for treatment for homelessness, including the
 4 costs to provide coverage for the chronically homeless
 5 population in the State; and

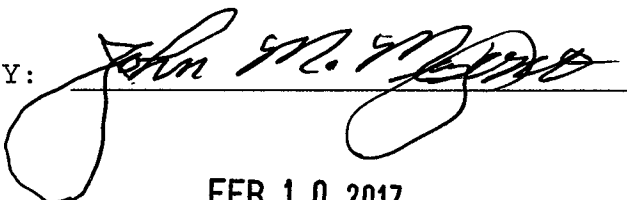
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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the treatment for homelessness
 8 include:

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- 10 (1) Behavioral health services, including mental health
 - 11 and substance abuse services;
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 - 13 (2) Case management;
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 - 15 (3) Personal care and personal assistance services;
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 - 17 (4) Home and community-based services; and
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 - 19 (5) Housing services; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 22 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 23 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
 24 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director
 28 of Human Services.

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OFFERED BY: 
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