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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE REVITALIZATION OF AND RENEWED FUNDING FOR THE HAWAII  
HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AN  
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE WITH A  
UNIFIED DELIVERY SYSTEM.

1           WHEREAS, the current federal administration is taking steps  
2 to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, which is causing great  
3 uncertainty among health care providers and payers throughout  
4 the country; and

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6           WHEREAS, even though Hawaii has instituted precautionary  
7 measures to preserve many benefits of the Affordable Care Act  
8 through the State's Prepaid Health Care Act, repeal of the  
9 federal law will likely affect the availability of health care  
10 within the State; and

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12           WHEREAS, Hawaii was among the states to elect to implement  
13 an expanded Medicaid program pursuant to the Affordable Care Act  
14 and, currently, over 330,000 Hawaii residents receive medical  
15 care through the State's Med-QUEST Division; and

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17           WHEREAS, the imminent repeal of some or all federal support  
18 for state Medicaid programs, in combination with features of  
19 Hawaii's medical landscape such as the shortage of providers,  
20 lack of access on neighbor islands, and insufficient facility  
21 capacity will be detrimental to the delivery of preventative  
22 care and availability of treatment in the State; and

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24           WHEREAS, chapter 322H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes  
25 the Hawaii Health Authority as a policy board, administratively  
26 attached to the Department of Budget and Finance and responsible  
27 for overall health planning for the State, including for  
28 developing a comprehensive health plan to provide universal  
29 health coverage to all Hawaii residents; and



1 WHEREAS, although the Hawaii Health Authority has been  
2 dormant since 2013, its enabling statutes remain effective,  
3 making it possible to revive the Authority so it can fulfill its  
4 statutory mission for the benefit of the State; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Authority's final report,  
7 released January 7, 2013, recommended that the State begin  
8 taking steps toward establishing universal health care with a  
9 unified delivery system, also known as an all-payer system; and  
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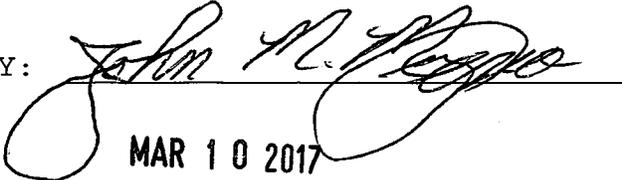
11 WHEREAS, because the nation's health care system is in its  
12 current state of uncertainty and disorganization, it is now time  
13 to implement bold solutions to allow Hawaii to retain its place  
14 as a national leader in health care policy and provide Hawaii  
15 residents with stable and certain access to quality health care;  
16 now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2017, that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
21 House of Representatives are requested to nominate candidates  
22 and the Governor is requested to appoint members to the Hawaii  
23 Health Authority pursuant to section 322H-1(b), Hawaii Revised  
24 Statutes; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance is  
27 requested to take any actions necessary, including requesting  
28 any necessary budget appropriations and making any necessary  
29 staff or resources available, to enable the Hawaii Health  
30 Authority to resume its duties to undertake comprehensive health  
31 care planning for the State and to prepare a plan for a  
32 universal, all-payer health care system; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Finance,  
36 and Med-QUEST Division Administrator.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
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