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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE APPROVAL OF GRANTS-IN-AID AND OTHER FINANCIAL MEANS
TO HELP RURAL HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS.

1 WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports services
2 that help the community in areas of health and well-being; and
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4 WHEREAS, hospitals are having financial difficulties
5 operating with a limited income but having to accommodate
6 uninsured people who need medical help; and
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8 WHEREAS, hospitals have to accept patients coming to
9 emergency rooms without questioning whether they have the
10 ability to pay; and
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12 WHEREAS, hospitals may not have enough insured patients to
13 help pay for all of the hospital's expenses; and
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15 WHEREAS, St. Francis Hospital was permanently closed due to
16 lack of funding; and
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18 WHEREAS, there is an imminent transition of the management
19 of several Maui public hospitals to a private entity after the
20 State experienced financial difficulties in operating those
21 public hospitals; and
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23 WHEREAS, Wahiawa General Hospital is in danger of closing
24 due to lack of funding; and
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26 WHEREAS, hospitals and medical centers are needed
27 throughout the State, especially in rural areas where medical
28 assistance is not readily available; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that this body is urged to
33 support legislation to approve grants-in-aid and other financial



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1 means to help rural hospitals and medical centers continue to
2 operate; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President
6 of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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