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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TO CONVENE A
CHRONIC DISEASE WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS NUTRITION AND
LIFESTYLE BEHAVIOR FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF
CHRONIC DISEASE.

1 WHEREAS, the United States devotes far more of its economy
2 to health than any other country; and

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4 WHEREAS, in 2013, United States health care spending
5 reached \$2,900,000,000,000, or about \$9,255 per resident; and

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7 WHEREAS, chronic diseases are a substantial factor in this
8 cost escalation; and

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10 WHEREAS, it is estimated that preventable diseases account
11 for approximately seventy-five percent of national health
12 expenditures; and

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14 WHEREAS, in 2010 the Centers for Disease Control and
15 Prevention reported that seven of the top ten causes of death
16 among Americans were from chronic diseases; and

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18 WHEREAS, changes in nutrition and lifestyle behavior are a
19 key part of the solution to managing chronic disease and
20 moderating future healthcare costs; and

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22 WHEREAS, physicians are uniquely positioned to educate
23 patients about the links among chronic disease, diet, and
24 physical activity yet fewer than twenty-five percent of
25 physicians believe they have sufficient training to talk to
26 patients about nutrition and physical activity; and

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28 WHEREAS, less than one-eighth of medical visits include
29 nutrition counseling; and
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1 WHEREAS, more than one-half of medical school graduates do
2 not believe the nutrition education they receive is sufficient
3 for medical practice; now, therefore,

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the John. A. Burns
8 School of Medicine is requested to convene a chronic disease
9 working group; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chronic disease working
12 group include interested parties and discuss nutrition and
13 lifestyle behavior changes for the prevention and treatment of
14 chronic disease, including exploring the potential benefits of:

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16 (1) Periodically disseminating information and educational
17 material regarding the prevention and treatment of
18 chronic disease, through the application of changes in
19 nutrition and lifestyle behavior, to each licensed
20 physician and surgeon and each hospital in the State;
21 and
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23 (2) Setting content standards for continuing education
24 requirements concerning chronic disease, including
25 appropriate information on prevention of chronic
26 disease, and treatment of patients with chronic
27 disease through changes in nutrition and lifestyle
28 behavior; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chronic disease working
31 group convene no later than July 1, 2018; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chronic disease working
34 group is requested to submit a report, including any proposed
35 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
36 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the John A.
 3 Burns School of Medicine and Director of Health.

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