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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CREATE A USER-FRIENDLY  
WEB PORTAL FOR THE PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION FROM THE ANNUAL  
HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS IN HAWAII REPORT.

1           WHEREAS, healthcare-associated infections obtained while  
2 receiving medical treatment in a healthcare facility are a  
3 threat to patient safety; and  
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5           WHEREAS, hospital-acquired infections cause close to  
6 100,000 deaths each year in the United States; and  
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8           WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and  
9 Prevention, on any given day about one in twenty-five hospital  
10 patients has at least one healthcare-associated infection; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the total cost of healthcare-associated infections  
13 to hospitals nationwide has been estimated at almost  
14 \$33,000,000,000 per year; and  
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16           WHEREAS, each year the Department of Health publishes the  
17 Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report that contains  
18 valuable information about how hospitals across the State are  
19 doing with regard to healthcare-associated infections; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii  
22 report is not easily accessible and the information in the  
23 report is not disseminated in a way that benefits patients; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the creation of a user-friendly web portal,  
26 established by the Department of Health, would make the  
27 Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report available to  
28 the public and would help prevent healthcare-associated  
29 infections in the State; now, therefore,  
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31           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
 2 Health is requested to create and maintain a public, online data  
 3 portal of healthcare-associated infection data published  
 4 annually in the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii  
 5 report; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
 8 requested to have the healthcare-associated infection portal  
 9 accessible online, available to the public, and updated on an  
 10 annual basis by January 1, 2018; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to providing all  
 13 information from the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii  
 14 report, the information portal also enables users to:

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 16 (1) Search the database by type of infection to determine  
 17 the prevalence of the infection in the State;  
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 19 (2) Search the database by hospital to determine number of  
 20 infections and hospital performance compared to  
 21 national data; and  
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 23 (3) Search for ways to prevent specific healthcare-  
 24 associated infections; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.  
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