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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH PLANS TO GATHER DATA
REGARDING THE USE OF PUBLICLY FUNDED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS BY PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

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

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4 WHEREAS, homeless persons face a myriad of issues,
5 including general health care and mental illness; and

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7 WHEREAS, the issues affecting homeless persons also impact
8 the general population through the costs of social and
9 healthcare services; and

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11 WHEREAS, information on the usage of healthcare can assist
12 the Governor, Legislature, and public to make informed policy
13 decisions about the allocation of resources and services
14 necessary to assist the homeless; and

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16 WHEREAS, the new diagnosis classification system, ICD-10,
17 includes diagnoses codes for homelessness (Z59.0) and housing
18 instability (Z59.1); and

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20 WHEREAS, encouraging clinicians to recognize the social
21 impact of one's housing, employment, social networks, and
22 economic status has been shown to improve communication between
23 doctors and patients that can lead to improved health; now,
24 therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that healthcare providers
29 and health plans are requested to gather data regarding the use
30 of publicly funded medical assistance programs by persons
31 experiencing homelessness; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that healthcare providers are
 2 requested to use the ICD-10 diagnoses codes for homelessness
 3 when they are medically indicated; and

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 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to work
 6 with healthcare providers and health plans to increase awareness
 7 and promote the appropriate use of the ICD-10 diagnoses codes;
 8 and

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 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to use
 11 data regarding the utilization of healthcare by homeless
 12 individuals to explore creative and innovative solutions to
 13 address homeless individuals' healthcare needs; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
 17 of Health, and Director of Human Services.

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