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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AND CONVENE A  
SEPSIS BEST PRACTICES GROUP.

1           WHEREAS, sepsis is a serious medical condition caused by an  
2 overwhelming immune response to bacterial infection, whereby  
3 immune chemicals released into the blood to combat infection  
4 trigger widespread inflammation; and

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6           WHEREAS, sepsis can lead to shock, organ failure, and  
7 death; and

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9           WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
10 indicates that sepsis kills more than 258,000 Americans each  
11 year and leaves thousands of survivors with life-changing after  
12 effects; and

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14           WHEREAS, there are over 1,000,000 cases of sepsis in the  
15 United States each year, with sepsis being the ninth-leading  
16 cause of disease-related death in the nation; and

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18           WHEREAS, patients hospitalized for sepsis or septicemia had  
19 longer lengths of stay and more than an eight-fold increase in  
20 in-hospital mortality than patients hospitalized for other  
21 diagnoses; and

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23           WHEREAS, the recent outbreak of dengue fever in Hawaii  
24 County further necessitates heightened attention to sepsis, as  
25 dengue shock syndrome is a type of sepsis; and

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27           WHEREAS, dengue shock syndrome occurs due to the dengue  
28 virus that causes abdominal pain, hemorrhage, and circulatory  
29 collapse or shock, which can cause multi-organ failure; and

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31           WHEREAS, the threat of mortality for both septic shock and  
32 dengue shock syndrome are higher in children and the elderly,  
33 who have weaker immune systems; and  
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# S.R. NO. 7

1           WHEREAS, in 2014, the Legislature recognized the  
2 seriousness of sepsis and requested the convening of a task  
3 force to recommend ways to reduce incidents of sepsis and  
4 sepsis-related deaths in the State; and

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6           WHEREAS, in its January 2015 report to the Legislature, the  
7 State of Hawaii Sepsis Task Force "concluded that the optimal  
8 approach to work towards early recognition of sepsis and  
9 reducing sepsis deaths across the [S]tate is to regularly  
10 convene experts from Hawaii's acute care hospitals in a Sepsis  
11 Best Practice[s] Group"; now, therefore,

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13           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,  
15 that the Director of Health is requested to establish a Sepsis  
16 Best Practices Group; and

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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health invite  
19 one physician champion and one administrative representative  
20 from each of Hawaii's acute care hospitals to become members of  
21 the Sepsis Best Practices Group; and

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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sepsis Best Practices Group  
24 engage in the following tasks recommended by the State of Hawaii  
25 Sepsis Task Force:

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27           (1) Meet regularly to discuss best practices, educational  
28 opportunities, and emerging federal sepsis policies  
29 and regulations, as well as recommend implementation  
30 of best practices, as necessary;  
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32           (2) Facilitate the performance of a sepsis improvement  
33 needs-assessment within each facility so that  
34 facilities can best determine resource allocation;  
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36           (3) Monitor the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
37 Services' consideration of National Quality Forum  
38 measure #0500 and address the impact that the measure  
39 is likely to have on Hawaii hospitals if adopted;  
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- 1           (4) Work towards defining a more representative sepsis  
2           incidence baseline in the State through administrative  
3           or clinical data;
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- 5           (5) Partner with each acute care hospital's associated  
6           critical access hospital to disseminate current best  
7           practices regarding early recognition and intervention  
8           in sepsis; and
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- 10          (6) Encourage the adoption of sepsis educational materials  
11          and initiatives by facilities; and
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13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and  
14           recommendations of the Sepsis Best Practices Group be  
15           considered, and incorporated as feasible, as part of a  
16           comprehensive plan to be developed by the Department of Health  
17           to combat sepsis; and

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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sepsis Best Practices Group  
20           is requested to submit a written report of its findings and  
21           recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
22           Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
23           the Regular Session of 2018.

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