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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS, AND THE MED-QUEST DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

WHEREAS, collaborative care is a new method of psychiatric 1 care delivery that allows a patient to receive psychiatric care 2 in their family physician's office from a remotely located 3 psychiatrist providing consultation to the patient's care 4 manager who is located within the primary care practice; and 5 6 WHEREAS, data show a return on investment of approximately 7 \$6 per every dollar spent on collaborative care and a projected 8 annual nationwide savings of \$24,000,000,000 to \$48,000,000,000, 9 due largely to reduced emergency room visits and hospital 10 admissions for medical conditions that would otherwise be 11 neglected by psychiatric patients; and 12 13 14 WHEREAS, these data were found so compelling that on January 2, 2017, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services 15 began paying for collaborative care services for Medicare 16 patients; and 17 18 WHEREAS, the vast majority of patients in need of 19 psychiatric care in underserved areas of the State are covered 20 by Medicaid or OUEST, rather than Medicare; and 21 22 WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Hawaii Psychiatric 23 Medical Association and others, The Queen's Health Systems' 24 Clinically Integrated Physician Network has developed and 25 implemented its own collaborative care pilot program and has 26 found that it has already realized improved outcomes and 27 satisfaction; and 28 29 WHEREAS, in 2017, legislation passed through both the House 30 of Representatives and the Senate to require Hawaii Medicaid to 31 cover collaborative care at the same rates as Medicare; and 32



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1 WHEREAS, this coverage also requires Hawaii Medicaid or the 2 Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services to obtain 3 approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to 4 further expand implementation of collaborative care; and 5 6 7 WHEREAS, Med-QUEST has drafted a Medicaid expansion proposal, called the Hawaii Ohana Nui Project Expansion program; 8 9 and 10 WHEREAS, the program is committed to exploring practices 11 that further integrate physical and behavioral health services, 12 like the collaborative care model; and 13 14 15 WHEREAS, the program explores the use of payments to primary care providers and members of the multidisciplinary team 16 for providing integrated services using the collaborative care 17 18 model; and 19 20 WHEREAS, these kinds of innovations envisioned by Med-OUEST, based on numerous studies showing that they are effective 21 and save lives; reduce costs, resulting in personal, company, 22 and taxpayer savings; and provide a welcome beacon of hope for 23 improving the integrated health of Hawaii's citizens; now, 24 therefore, 25 26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 27 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 28 of 2018, that the Legislature supports the efforts of the Hawaii 29 Psychiatric Medical Association, The Queen's Health Systems, and 30 the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services, for 31 the painstaking work they have performed on behalf of the health 32 of the citizens of the State, to improve access to safe 33 psychiatric care to underserved populations; and 34 35



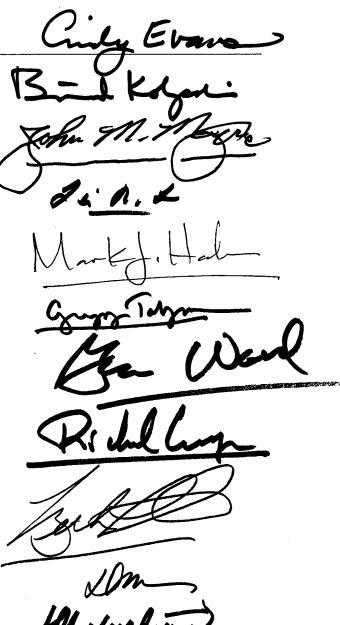
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association Executive Council, the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Queen's Health Systems, and the Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services.

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