HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR REPORT ON THE STATUS OF AND PROPOSE FUTURE PLANS FOR THE HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that although Hawaii is often cited as one of the top states in the nation for health care coverage, there will always be a need to develop and reform Hawaii's health care system with the ultimate goal of facilitating universal coverage of affordable, high-quality medical services for Hawaii's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Authority was established within the Department of Budget and Finance for administrative purposes in 2009, under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 322H, as an autonomous body responsible for the overall health planning for the State and for determining the future capacity needs for health providers, facilities, equipment, and support service providers, with the goal of developing a comprehensive plan to provide universal health care in Hawaii; however, the Legislature finds that the authority has been dormant since 2014; and

 WHEREAS, funding has not been proposed by the Administration to support the Hawaii Health Authority since 2014 and the terms of the last board members expired on June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, new board members have not been appointed since 2015 because of the lack of funding to support the Hawaii Health Authority; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the Governor is requested to report to the Legislature on the status of the Hawaii Health Authority and plans for the future of the Authority, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Finance.

OFFERED BY:

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