
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON WHETHER THE DENTAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES OFFERED BY THE STATE ARE ADEQUATE TO PROVIDE A BASIC STANDARD OF CARE FOR RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, some of Hawaii's residents with disabilities
2 depend on the State for social services, including
3 transportation, dental care, and medical care; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State may offer these services directly or
6 through various forms of insurance; and
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8 WHEREAS, the level and nature of the services the State
9 provides depend on many factors, including the type and severity
10 of the individual's disability; and
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12 WHEREAS, many individuals with disabilities receive
13 monetary stipends such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
14 which is provided to individuals who were never able to work, or
15 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), which is provided
16 to individuals who have worked but are unable to continue due to
17 disability; and
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19 WHEREAS, some individuals with disabilities have sought
20 treatment in the State's emergency rooms because they lacked
21 access to or funding for routine dental or medical care; now,
22 therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
26 2019, that the Department of Health and Department of Human
27 Services are requested to conduct a study to determine whether
28 the dental and medical services offered by the State, either
29 directly or through various forms of insurance, are adequate to



1 provide a basic standard of care for residents with
2 disabilities; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and
5 Department of Human Services are requested to submit a joint
6 report of their findings and recommendations, including any
7 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
8 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests
11 Hawaii's congressional delegation to review whether the monetary
12 stipends granted for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and
13 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) should be increased;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Director of
18 Human Services, and Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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OFFERED BY:

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