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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that although Hawaii is
2 often cited as one of the top states in the nation for health
3 care coverage, there will always be a need to develop and reform
4 Hawaii's health care system with the ultimate goal of
5 facilitating universal coverage of affordable, high-quality
6 medical services for Hawaii's citizens; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Authority was established within
9 the Department of Budget and Finance for administrative purposes
10 in 2009, under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 322H, as an
11 autonomous body responsible for the overall health planning for
12 the State and for determining the future capacity needs for
13 health providers, facilities, equipment, and support service
14 providers, with the goal of developing a comprehensive plan to
15 provide universal health care in Hawaii; however, the
16 Legislature finds that the authority has been dormant since
17 2014; and
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19 WHEREAS, funding has not been proposed by the
20 Administration to support the Hawaii Health Authority since 2014
21 and the terms of the last board members expired on June 30,
22 2015; and
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24 WHEREAS, new board members have not been appointed since
25 2015 because of the lack of funding to support the Hawaii Health
26 Authority; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
29 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
30 Representatives concurring, that the Governor is requested to
31 report to the Legislature on the status of the Hawaii Health
32 Authority and plans for the future of the Authority, including

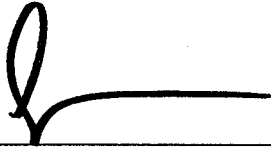


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1 any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the
2 convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
6 Director of Finance.
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OFFERED BY:



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