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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION TO CONVENE A
TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF A HOSPITAL IN NORTH KONA.

1 WHEREAS, the population of North Kona on the island of
2 Hawaii has significantly increased over the years, which has
3 corresponded with a steady increase in the need for convenient
4 access to medical services; and

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6 WHEREAS, today the growing community of North Kona faces a
7 severe shortage of medical care and hospital services; and

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9 WHEREAS, the residents of North Kona would greatly benefit
10 from the addition of a hospital in their community; and

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12 WHEREAS, the accelerated and shifting economic and
13 population growth in North Kona has created a regional urban
14 core inconveniently far from Kona community hospital with a
15 population too large to be accommodated by the facility's 94-bed
16 capacity; and

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18 WHEREAS, Kona community hospital in 2015 closed its skilled
19 nursing unit and eliminated 34 positions; and

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21 WHEREAS, there has been a long-time community demand for a
22 larger and more accessible hospital in North Kona; now,
23 therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
26 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
27 Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Health Systems
28 Corporation is requested to convene a task force to conduct a
29 feasibility study for the construction of a hospital in North
30 Kona; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
2 include the following members or their designees:

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- 4 (1) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of
5 the Senate;
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- 7 (2) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
8 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 10 (3) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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- 12 (4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health
13 Systems Corporation, West Hawaii Region;
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- 15 (5) A member of the West Hawaii Regional Health System
16 Board of Directors; and
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- 18 (6) Any other representatives the Chief Executive Officer
19 of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, West Hawaii
20 Region, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee,
21 deems necessary; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer of
24 the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, West Hawaii Region, or
25 the Chief Executive Officer's designee shall serve as the
26 chairperson of the task force; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an initial meeting of the task
29 force be held no later than June 1, 2020; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, with the
32 assistance of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, is
33 requested to submit a report of its findings and
34 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
35 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
36 the Regular Session of 2021; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on
39 June 30, 2021; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health;



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1 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Systems
 2 Corporation, Corporate Office; and Regional Chief Executive
 3 Officer of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, West Hawaii
 4 Region.

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