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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PRIMARY CARE AND RURAL HEALTH TO
INITIATE A 2030 ONE SHARED HEALTH VISION PLAN IN HAWAI'I
COUNTY.

1 WHEREAS, improving public health is a complex issue that
2 requires an examination of the social determinants that may
3 impact whether a community has continuous access to health care
4 resources; and

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6 WHEREAS, a coordinated effort at all levels of government,
7 as well as in collaboration with private medical providers, is
8 necessary to support this important examination; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawai'i County has faced disproportionate
11 challenges in delivering appropriate, quality health care
12 services to its residents compared to other counties in the
13 State because of the many socioeconomically-disadvantaged,
14 unserved and underserved rural areas throughout the island that
15 are geographically distant from population hubs such as Kailua-
16 Kona and Hilo; and

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18 WHEREAS, according to a 2021 nursing education study,
19 Hawai'i County ranks third on the list of counties in the nation
20 with the highest primary health care worker shortage, with
21 fifty-three percent fewer doctors than comparable counties on
22 the mainland due to the hundreds of Hawai'i County-based medical
23 providers having recently retired, moved, or reduced their
24 hours; and

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26 WHEREAS, the establishment of a strong health network based
27 in Hawai'i County would greatly improve the county's ability to
28 coordinate care and can serve as a model of collaboration for
29 other areas throughout the State; and

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31 WHEREAS, the success of such a health network would result
32 in Hawai'i County being able to efficiently develop a ten-year



1 health care plan, including preventative and primary health
2 care, specialty care, and urgent and emergency care; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, part
5 of the Department of Health's Family Health Services Division,
6 is tasked with coordinating federal, state, and local efforts
7 aimed at improving the health of the State's rural and medically
8 underserved populations; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health is
11 uniquely positioned to organize Hawai'i County's efforts to
12 streamline the delivery of quality health care; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Primary
17 Care and Rural Health is requested to initiate a 2030 One Shared
18 Health Vision Plan and establish a pilot program in Hawai'i
19 County; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Primary Care and
22 Rural Health is requested to facilitate discussions with key
23 community health and social service organizations in Hawai'i
24 County to address the health and wellness needs of the most
25 vulnerable by aligning the goals, objectives, and availability
26 of services of appropriate community health care service
27 providers; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Primary Care and
30 Rural Health is requested to submit a report on the 2030 One
31 Shared Health Vision Plan for Hawai'i County, including any
32 proposed long-term legislative grant-in-aid requests, to the
33 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
34 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
3 Chief of the Family Health Services Division, and Mayor of
4 Hawai'i County.
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OFFERED BY:

