
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO
CONVENE A HEALTH INFORMATION DATA SHARING WORKING GROUP TO
COLLABORATE AND ESTABLISH THE FRAMEWORK AND STANDARDS FOR
FUTURE HEALTH INFORMATION DATA SHARING LEGISLATION.

1 WHEREAS, the ability to securely and efficiently share
2 patient health information electronically has become vitally
3 important to improve health outcomes, reduce health care costs,
4 and connect health care providers together to enhance care
5 coordination; and
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7 WHEREAS, while there has been limited progress in linking
8 the State's health care entities, there is a great opportunity
9 to address health equity and positively impact Social
10 Determinants of Health through the sharing of real time health
11 information data; and
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13 WHEREAS, while there are federal funding opportunities
14 available to assist the development of health information data
15 sharing, such as the States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity
16 Approaches and Development Model, there is also a need to
17 convene health care industry stakeholders to identify and
18 evaluate federal funding programs to strengthen Hawaii's health
19 care system; and
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the opportunity to shape state health
22 information data sharing policies to ensure a prioritization of
23 privacy and individual ownership of data while aligning with
24 national standards and a common set of policies to improve the
25 health outcomes of the State's residents; and
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27 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and the Maui
28 wildfires in 2023 underscored the need for a flexible delivery
29 of health care that meets the needs of the State's most
30 vulnerable and often isolated residents through leveraging the
31 power of interconnected technology for timely and accurate data



1 sharing to support emergency response efforts and public health
2 interventions; and

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4 WHEREAS, there is value in accelerating and expanding the
5 types of health information shared among health care entities
6 and government agencies in Hawaii to improve health outcomes in
7 Hawaii's communities; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2024, that the State Health Planning and Development
12 Agency is requested to convene a Health Information Data Sharing
13 Working Group to collaborate and establish the framework and
14 standards for future health information data sharing
15 legislation; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
18 to consist of the following members:

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20 (1) The Administrator of the State Health Planning and
21 Development Agency, or the Administrator's designee,
22 who is requested to serve as the chair of the working
23 group;
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25 (2) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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27 (3) The Chief Information Officer of the Office of
28 Enterprise Technology Services, or the Chief
29 Information Officer's designee;
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31 (4) The Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division of the
32 Department of Human Services, or the Administrator's
33 designee;
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35 (5) The Insurance Commissioner, or the Insurance
36 Commissioner's designee;
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38 (6) The Administrator of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health
39 Benefits Trust Fund, or the Administrator's designee;
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41 (7) A representative from the Senate, to be appointed by
42 the President of the Senate;



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- (8) A representative from the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- (9) The Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Information Exchange, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to invite the following individuals to participate in the working group:

- (1) A representative from the Hawaii Association of Health Plans;
- (2) A representative from the Hawaii Medical Association;
- (3) A representative from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and
- (4) Any other members, including representatives from state agencies, stakeholders, or experts as invited by the majority of working group members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to explore the development of a health information data sharing standardization package that includes a universal health information data sharing agreement and common set of policies and procedures that will:

- (1) Leverage and advance national standards for health information sharing and data content; and
- (2) Govern and require the sharing of health information among health care entities and government agencies in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to:



- 1 (1) Identify health information data that should be shared
2 for specific purposes between health care entities and
3 government agencies;
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- 5 (2) Identify gaps, and propose solutions to gaps, in the
6 life cycle of health information, including gaps in
7 any of the following:
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 - 9 (A) Health information creation, including the use of
10 national standards in clinical documentation,
11 health plan records, and social services data;
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 - 13 (B) Translation, mapping, controlled vocabularies,
14 coding, and data classification; and
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 - 16 (C) Storage, maintenance, and management of health
17 information;
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- 19 (3) Identify ways to incorporate data related to social
20 determinants of health into shared health information;
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- 22 (4) Identify ways to incorporate data related to
23 underserved or underrepresented populations;
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- 25 (5) Identify ways to incorporate relevant data on
26 behavioral health and substance use disorder
27 conditions;
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- 29 (6) Address privacy, security, and equity risks of
30 expanding care coordination, health information
31 exchange, access, and telehealth in a dynamic
32 technological, and entrepreneurial environment, where
33 data and network security are under constant threat of
34 attack;
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- 36 (7) Develop policies and procedures consistent with
37 national standards and federally adopted standards in
38 the exchange of health information and ensure that
39 health information sharing broadly implements national
40 frameworks and agreements consistent with federal
41 rules and programs;
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- 1 (8) Develop definitions of complete clinical,
- 2 administrative, and claims data consistent with
- 3 federal policies and national standards;
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- 5 (9) Assess governance structures to help guide policy
- 6 decisions and general oversight; and
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- 8 (10) Identify federal, state, private, or philanthropic
- 9 sources of funding that could support data access and
- 10 exchange; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
 13 to submit a report of findings and recommendations, including
 14 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
 15 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 16 2025; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall cease
 19 to exist on June 30, 2025; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
 23 Administrator of the State Health Planning and Development
 24 Agency, Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division of the
 25 Department of Human Services, Chief Information Officer of the
 26 Office of Enterprise Technology Services, Insurance
 27 Commissioner, Administrator of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health
 28 Benefits Trust Fund, Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii
 29 Health Information Exchange, President of the Hawaii Association
 30 of Health Plans, President of the Hawaii Medical Association,
 31 and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Healthcare
 32 Association of Hawaii.

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