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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CONVENE A HEALTH DATA SHARING WORKING GROUP TO ACCELERATE AND EXPAND THE SHARING OF REAL TIME HEALTH INFORMATION AMONG HEALTH CARE ENTITIES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the ability to securely
2 and efficiently share patient health information electronically
3 has become vitally important to improve health outcomes, reduce
4 health care costs, and connect health care providers to enhance
5 care coordination; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that there has been
8 limited progress in linking the State's health care entities and
9 that there is a great opportunity to address health equity and
10 positively impact social determinants of health through the
11 sharing of real time health data; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the available
14 opportunities for federal funding on health care, such as the
15 States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and
16 Development Model grant, and sees the need to convene health
17 care industry stakeholders to identify and evaluate federal
18 funding programs to strengthen the health care system of the
19 State; and

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21 WHEREAS, the State can shape policies to ensure a
22 prioritization of privacy and individual ownership of data,
23 while aligning with national standards and a common set of
24 policies, to improve the health outcomes of its residents; and

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26 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and 2023
27 wildfires in Maui underscore the need for a flexible delivery of
28 health care that meets the needs of the State's most vulnerable
29 and often isolated residents by leveraging the power of
30 interconnected technology for timely and accurate data sharing



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

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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature also finds value in accelerating
5 and expanding the types of health information shared among
6 health care entities and government agencies in the State to
7 improve health outcomes in local communities; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Health
12 Planning and Development Agency of the Department of Health is
13 requested to convene a health data sharing working group to
14 accelerate and expand the sharing of real-time health
15 information among health care entities and government agencies
16 in the State; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consist of
19 the following members:

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21 (1) Administrator of the State Health Planning and
22 Development Agency, who is requested to serve as the
23 chairperson of the working group;

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25 (2) A representative from the House of Representatives, to
26 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
27 Representatives;

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29 (3) A representative from the Senate, to be appointed by
30 the President of the Senate;

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32 (4) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;

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34 (5) The Chief Information Officer or the Chief Information
35 Officer's designee;

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37 (6) The Administrator of the Med-QUEST division of the
38 Department of Human Services or the Administrator's
39 designee;

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41 (7) The Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's
42 designee; and



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(8) The Administrator of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund or the Administrator's designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator of the State Health Planning and Development Agency is requested to invite one representative from each of the following organizations to participate as a member of the working group:

- (1) Hawaii Health Information Exchange;
- (2) Hawaii Association of Health Plans;
- (3) Hawaii Medical Association; and
- (4) Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the majority of the working group members may invite other individuals with relevant knowledge and expertise, including representatives from state agencies, stakeholders, and experts, to be members of the working group; and

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

- (1) Explore the development of a health data sharing standardization package that includes a universal data sharing agreement and common set of policies and procedures that will:
 - (A) Leverage and advance national standards for information sharing and data content; and
 - (B) Govern and require the sharing of health information among health care entities and government agencies in the State;
- (2) Identify health information data that should be shared for specific purposes between health care entities and government agencies;



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- (3) Identify and propose solutions to gaps in the life cycle of health information, including gaps in any of the following:
 - (A) Health information creation, including the use of national standards in clinical documentation, health plan records, and social services data;
 - (B) Translation, mapping, controlled vocabularies, coding, and data classification; and
 - (C) Storage, maintenance, and management of health information;
- (4) Identify ways to incorporate the following into shared health information:
 - (A) Data related to social determinants of health;
 - (B) Data related to underserved or underrepresented populations; and
 - (C) Relevant data on behavioral health and substance use disorder conditions;
- (5) Address the privacy, security, and equity risks of expanding care coordination, health information exchange, access, and telehealth in a dynamic technological, and entrepreneurial environment, where data and network security are under constant threat of attack;
- (6) Develop policies and procedures that are consistent with national standards and federally adopted standards in the exchange of health information;
- (7) Ensure that health information sharing broadly implements national frameworks and agreements that are consistent with federal rules and programs;



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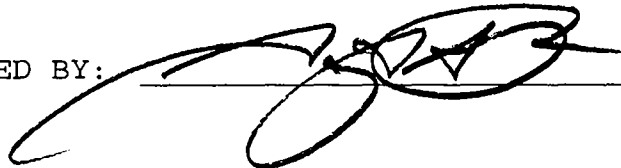
- 1 (8) Develop definitions of complete clinical,
2 administrative, and claims data that are consistent
3 with federal policies and national standards;
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- 5 (9) Assess governance structures to help guide policy
6 decisions and general oversight; and
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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 its findings and recommendations,
14 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
15 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
16 of 2025; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved
19 on June 30, 2025; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House
23 of Representatives; President of the Senate; Director of Health;
24 Chief Information Officer; Administrator of the State Health
25 Planning and Development Agency of the Department of Health;
26 Administrator of the Med-QUEST division of the Department of
27 Human Services; Insurance Commissioner; and Administrator of the
28 Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefit's Trust Fund.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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