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# HOUSE CONCURRENT 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



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1 vulnerable and often isolated residents through leveraging the  
2 power of interconnected technology for timely and accurate data  
3 sharing to support emergency response efforts and public health  
4 interventions; and

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

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

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

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- 22 (1) The Administrator of the State Health Planning and  
23 Development Agency, or the Administrator's designee,  
24 who is requested to serve as the chair of the working  
25 group;
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27 (2) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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29 (3) The Chief Information Officer of the Office of  
30 Enterprise Technology Services, or the Chief  
31 Information Officer's designee;
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33 (4) The Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division of the  
34 Department of Human Services, or the Administrator's  
35 designee;
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37 (5) The Insurance Commissioner, or the Insurance  
38 Commissioner's designee;
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40 (6) The Administrator of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health  
41 Benefits Trust Fund, or the Administrator's designee;

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- 1           (7) A representative from the Senate, to be appointed by  
2           the President of the Senate;
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- 4           (8) A representative from the House of Representatives, to  
5           be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
6           Representatives; and
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- 8           (9) The Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health  
9           Information Exchange, or the Chief Executive Officer's  
10          designee; and
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12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
13          to invite the following individuals to participate in the  
14          working group:

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- 16          (1) A representative from the Hawaii Association of Health  
17          Plans;
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- 19          (2) A representative from the Hawaii Medical Association;
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- 21          (3) A representative from the Healthcare Association of  
22          Hawaii; and
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- 24          (4) Any other members, including representatives from  
25          state agencies, stakeholders, or experts as invited by  
26          the majority of working group members; and
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
29          to explore the development of a health information data sharing  
30          standardization package that includes a universal health  
31          information data sharing agreement and common set of policies  
32          and procedures that will:

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- 34          (1) Leverage and advance national standards for health  
35          information sharing and data content; and
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- 37          (2) Govern and require the sharing of health information  
38          among health care entities and government agencies in  
39          Hawaii; and
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41           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
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- 2 (1) Identify health information data that should be shared
- 3 for specific purposes between health care entities and
- 4 government agencies;
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- 6 (2) Identify gaps, and propose solutions to gaps, in the
- 7 life cycle of health information, including gaps in
- 8 any of the following:
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- 10 (A) Health information creation, including the use of
- 11 national standards in clinical documentation,
- 12 health plan records, and social services data;
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- 14 (B) Translation, mapping, controlled vocabularies,
- 15 coding, and data classification; and
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- 17 (C) Storage, maintenance, and management of health
- 18 information;
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- 20 (3) Identify ways to incorporate data related to social
- 21 determinants of health into shared health information;
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- 23 (4) Identify ways to incorporate data related to
- 24 underserved or underrepresented populations;
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- 26 (5) Identify ways to incorporate relevant data on
- 27 behavioral health and substance use disorder
- 28 conditions;
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- 30 (6) Address privacy, security, and equity risks of
- 31 expanding care coordination, health information
- 32 exchange, access, and telehealth in a dynamic
- 33 technological, and entrepreneurial environment, where
- 34 data and network security are under constant threat of
- 35 attack;
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- 37 (7) Develop policies and procedures consistent with
- 38 national standards and federally adopted standards in
- 39 the exchange of health information and ensure that
- 40 health information sharing broadly implements national
- 41 frameworks and agreements consistent with federal
- 42 rules and programs;



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- (8) Develop definitions of complete clinical, administrative, and claims data consistent with federal policies and national standards;
- (9) Assess governance structures to help guide policy decisions and general oversight; and
- (10) Identify federal, state, private, or philanthropic sources of funding that could support data access and exchange; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report of findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and

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

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

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