
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HEALTH DATA ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CONFIRM THE
NUMBER OF UNINSURED CHILDREN STATEWIDE AND PER COUNTY IN
2025 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MED-QUEST
DIVISION TO ESTIMATE COSTS AND COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE
HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ON POLICY CHANGES
NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN.

1 WHEREAS, based on United States Census Bureau 2024 data, an
2 estimated 3.6 percent of children from birth to eighteen years
3 of age statewide do not have health insurance, with that number
4 estimated to be as high as nine percent on Hawaii Island and
5 five percent on Maui; and

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7 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, if a child qualifies for Medicaid at
8 any time during the period from birth to age six, they are
9 eligible for continuous coverage through age six, and if they
10 qualify at any time after age six, they qualify for continuous
11 coverage for a period of two years until they reach the age of
12 eighteen; and

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14 WHEREAS, additional expansion of Med-QUEST coverage is an
15 efficient option for covering uninsured children in Hawaii, and
16 the cost of coverage for children is significantly lower than
17 coverage for adults; and

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19 WHEREAS, a plan to achieve universal health insurance
20 coverage for children in the State should be informed by policy
21 recommendations based on accurate population and cost data; now,
22 therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2025, that the Health Data Advisory Council of the State
27 Health Planning and Development Agency is requested to confirm



1 the number of uninsured children statewide and per county in
2 2025; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Data Advisory
5 Council is requested to examine at least sixty days of de-
6 identified privacy-assured hospital and emergency department
7 claims or discharge data, or both, through available and
8 reliable data sources, including the impacts of any changes that
9 may occur in Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services coverage
10 policies; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Med-QUEST Division of the
13 Department of Human Services is requested to estimate the state-
14 related cost of increasing the coverage of children between the
15 ages of six to eighteen from the current two years of continuous
16 coverage following Medicaid eligibility to up to twelve years of
17 continuous coverage by Med-QUEST, as necessary; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Med-QUEST Division is also
20 requested to estimate the number of remaining uninsured and
21 underinsured children from birth to age eighteen who are
22 ineligible by virtue of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
23 Services regulations for Med-QUEST coverage and estimate the
24 state-related cost of Med-QUEST coverage for these children; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Med-QUEST Division and
27 State Health Planning and Development Agency are requested to
28 collaborate to propose policy changes that may be needed to
29 achieve the goal of universal health insurance coverage for
30 children in the State, including consideration of any new
31 developments in Medicaid funding resulting from federal policy
32 changes; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Med-QUEST Division and
35 State Health Planning and Development Agency are requested to
36 submit a report on the data, findings, and recommendations,
37 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
38 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
39 of 2026; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator for the State



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1 Health Planning and Development Agency, Med-QUEST Division
2 Administrator, and Chairperson of the Health Data Advisory
3 Council.
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