
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE AN AEROMEDICAL
SERVICES WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, it is of critical importance to the State to
2 ensure residents have prompt access to primary health care; and
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4 WHEREAS, most rural communities in the State have fewer
5 health care resources compared to communities on Oahu, including
6 access to advanced levels of trauma care, medical specialists,
7 and subspecialists; and
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9 WHEREAS, patients in these rural areas are at greater risk
10 of poor health outcomes for serious medical conditions, such as
11 heart attack, stroke, and traumatic bodily injuries; and
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13 WHEREAS, the existing aeromedical services system is
14 overburdened and is currently served by only one statewide
15 aeromedical services provider, for which there are few viable
16 and cost-effective alternatives in the event of a grounding, for
17 example, due to maintenance issues or crew availability; and
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19 WHEREAS, there are a number of barriers to expanding the
20 aeromedical services system, including insufficient funding,
21 plans, procedures, and protocols; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
26 Health is requested to convene an Aeromedical Services Working
27 Group; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
30 to consist of the following members:
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32 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;



- (2) The Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, or a member appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (3) The Chair of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, or a member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (4) The Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, or the Director's designee;
- (5) The Director of the Department of Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;
- (6) The Administrator of the Maui Emergency Management Agency, or the Administrator's designee;
- (7) The Administrator of the Kauai Emergency Management Agency, or the Administrator's designee;
- (8) The Administrator of the Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency, or the Administrator's designee;
- (9) A representative of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, to be selected and invited to participate by the Director of Health;
- (10) A representative of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans, to be selected and invited to participate by the Director of Health;
- (11) One representative from a health system operating in the State, to be selected and invited to participate by the Director of Health;
- (12) Two representatives from independent providers operating in the State, at least one of whom operates in the County of Maui, Kauai, or Hawaii, to be selected and invited to participate by the Director of Health; and



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2 (13) Two representatives from providers of emergency
3 aeromedical services who have conducted operations in
4 the State within the last five years and can provide
5 comprehensive air medical services with rotor- and
6 fixed-wing support, to be selected and invited to
7 participate by the Director of Health; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
10 to, at a minimum:
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- 12 (1) Study and assess emergency aeromedical services needs
13 across the State and in each county; and
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15 (2) Develop and recommend future plans, procedures,
16 protocols, and funding to increase the predictability
17 and stability of air ambulance medical services for
18 the State; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
21 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
22 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
23 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
24 of 2026; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
27 to dissolve on June 30, 2026; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
31 Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chair
32 of the Senate Standing Committee on Health and Human Services,
33 Chair of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on
34 Health, Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency,
35 Director of the Department of Emergency Management of the City
36 and County of Honolulu, Administrator of the Maui Emergency
37 Management Agency, Administrator of the Kauai Emergency
38 Management Agency, and Administrator of the Hawaii County Civil
39 Defense Agency.

