
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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- 1 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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- 3 (2) The Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Health
- 4 and Human Services, or a member appointed by the
- 5 President of the Senate;
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- 7 (3) The Chair of the House of Representatives Standing
- 8 Committee on Health, or a member appointed by the
- 9 Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 11 (4) The Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management
- 12 Agency, or the Director's designee;
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- 14 (5) The Director of the Department of Emergency Management
- 15 of the City and County of Honolulu, or the Director's
- 16 designee;
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- 18 (6) The Administrator of the Maui Emergency Management
- 19 Agency, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 21 (7) The Administrator of the Kauai Emergency Management
- 22 Agency, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 24 (8) The Administrator of the Hawaii County Civil Defense
- 25 Agency, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 27 (9) A representative of the Healthcare Association of
- 28 Hawaii, to be selected and invited to participate by
- 29 the Director of Health;
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- 31 (10) A representative of the Hawaii Association of Health
- 32 Plans, to be selected and invited to participate by
- 33 the Director of Health;
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- 35 (11) One representative from a health system operating in
- 36 the State, to be selected and invited to participate
- 37 by the Director of Health;
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- 39 (12) At least two representatives from independent
- 40 providers operating in the State, one of whom that
- 41 operates in the County of Maui, Kauai, or Hawaii, to



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

