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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A JOINT TASK FORCE TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONCERNING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS OF THE HAWAII  
HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

1           WHEREAS, Chapter 323F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS),  
2 relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), was  
3 enacted by Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996 (Act 262), for  
4 the purpose of administering the State's community hospitals;  
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7           WHEREAS, HHSC was envisioned as a new corporate structure  
8 that would be freed from unwarranted bureaucratic oversight; and

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10          WHEREAS, Act 262 created HHSC to operate the existing  
11 community hospitals under a Board of Directors and empowered  
12 HHSC to perform many functions consistent with those of other  
13 public corporations established to operate health care systems  
14 with relative autonomy; and

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16          WHEREAS, Act 229, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998, amended laws  
17 concerning HHSC by establishing an Executive Public Health  
18 Facility Management Advisory Committee, empowering the chief  
19 executive officer of HHSC to establish certain exempt management  
20 positions, and enabling HHSC to negotiate most terms of  
21 collective bargaining agreements; and

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23          WHEREAS, over the past ten years, HHSC has been able to  
24 achieve substantial improvements in operations and facilities by  
25 using the structure and powers provided by statute; and

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27          WHEREAS, some members of the management of HHSC, Regional  
28 Management Advisory Committees, and HHSC medical staff have  
29 recently sought greater autonomy for HHSC regions; and



1 WHEREAS, there has also been heated debate during the 2007  
2 legislative session--within and without the Legislature--over  
3 whether:

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5 (1) The establishment of regional affiliate corporations  
6 would create such dysfunction and conflict that it  
7 would cause the HHSC system to fail and collapse; and  
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9 (2) Regional autonomy can be appropriately provided  
10 through regional boards or whether regional autonomy  
11 appropriately requires the establishment of separate  
12 regional affiliate corporations;  
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16 WHEREAS, leaders of HHSC and the Legislature believe that  
17 the arguments must be resolved for HHSC to evolve and improve as  
18 a system; now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the President of  
23 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
24 convene a joint task force (Task Force), consisting of no more  
25 than three members from each house, during the interim between  
26 the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Task Force  
29 also include:  
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31 (1) The chair of the Senate Committee on Health or a  
32 designee;  
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34 (2) The chair of the House Committee on Health or a  
35 designee;  
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37 (3) One member from each of the five HHSC Regional  
38 Management Advisory Committees;  
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40 (4) One member from the Board of Directors of HHSC; and  
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42 (5) The Director of Health or a designee;  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be exempt from  
2 Chapter 92, HRS; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force review the  
5 concerns raised by the Maui Region Public Health Facility  
6 Management Advisory Committee, Executive Public Health  
7 Management Advisory Committee, and members of the Board of  
8 Directors of HHSC; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the State  
11 Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) is requested to  
12 assist the Task Force in the review of Chapter 323F, HRS; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force submit a report  
15 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
16 legislation, to the Legislature at least 20 days before the  
17 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
21 chief executive officer of HHSC, mayor of each county, Director  
22 of SHPDA, administrator of the State Procurement Office,  
23 President of the state Senate, and Speaker of the state House of  
24 Representatives.

