
HOUSE 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, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 1996 (Act
4 262), for the purpose of administering the State's community
5 hospitals; and
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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, was enacted
17 to amend laws concerning HHSC by establishing an Executive
18 Public Health Management Advisory Committee, empowering the
19 chief executive officer of HHSC to establish certain exempt
20 management positions and enabling HHSC to negotiate most terms
21 of 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, that the President of the Senate and the
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives convene a joint task
24 force (Task Force), consisting of no more than three members
25 from each house, during the interim between the 2007 and 2008
26 legislative sessions; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Task Force
29 include:

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- 31 (1) The chair and vice chair of the Senate standing
32 Committee on Health;
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 - 34 (2) The chair and vice chair of the House standing
35 Committee on Health;
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 - 37 (3) One member from each HHSC Regional Management Advisory
38 Committee;
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 - 40 (4) Two members from the Board of Directors of HHSC; and



1 (5) One representative from the Healthcare Association of
2 Hawaii;

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is exempt from
7 Chapter 92, HRS; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force review the
10 concerns raised by the Maui Region Public Health Facility
11 Management Advisory Committee, Executive Public Health
12 Management Advisory Committee, and members of the Board of
13 Directors of HHSC; and

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

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

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, chief
26 executive officer of HHSC, mayor of each county, Director of
27 SHPDA, administrator of the State Procurement Office, President
28 of the state Senate, and Speaker of the state House of
29 Representatives.

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