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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CHAIRS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
TO ESTABLISH A JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP TO INVESTIGATE
THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR
INSURANCE COVERAGE IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that administrative aspects
2 of prepaid health care, temporary disability insurance, motor
3 vehicle insurance, and other related insurance systems are often
4 duplicative, resulting in unnecessary costs and possible delays
5 in service; and

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7 WHEREAS, within the general concept of twenty-four-hour
8 insurance coverage, all of a person's health needs, whether
9 work-related or non-occupational, are covered by a single health
10 care provider; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State should examine ways to combine related
13 insurance systems to avoid duplication of coverage and avoid
14 delays in the delivery of health care services; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chairs of the
19 House Committee on Labor and Public Employment and the Senate
20 Committee on Judiciary and Labor are requested to establish a
21 joint legislative study group to investigate the issues involved
22 in implementing twenty-four-hour insurance coverage in Hawaii;
23 and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group is requested to
26 address the means by which the State can combine prepaid health
27 care, temporary disability insurance, motor vehicle insurance,
28 and other related insurance systems in order to prevent
29 duplication of coverage and avoid delays in the delivery of
30 health care; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group is requested to
3 specifically address the issue of allowing an employee to access
4 medical services through the routes normally used under prepaid
5 health care for services covered by other forms of health
6 benefits plans, such as workers' compensation and motor vehicle
7 insurance; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group is requested to
10 develop initiatives to effectuate twenty-four-hour coverage,
11 including recommended statutory changes to the federal Employee
12 Retirement Income Security Act; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group be exempt from
15 part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the study group
18 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives and the President of the Senate; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairs of the House
22 Committee on Labor and Public Employment and the Senate
23 Committee on Judiciary and Labor shall serve as co-chairs of the
24 study group; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the study group
27 are requested to include:

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29 (1) The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations or the
30 Director's designee;
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32 (2) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the
33 Director's designee;
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35 (3) The Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's
36 designee; and
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38 (4) Any other individuals deemed to have relevant
39 expertise and experience; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the study group
42 shall receive no additional compensation for their services; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and
 2 Industrial Relations shall provide research, clerical, and
 3 technical support for the study group; and

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 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall cease to
 6 exist on June 30, 2008; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group is requested to
 9 submit its findings and recommendations, along with any proposed
 10 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
 11 to the convening of the 2008 Regular Session; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House
 15 of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Chair of
 16 the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment, the Chair of
 17 the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, the Directors of
 18 Labor and Industrial Relations and Commerce and Consumer
 19 Affairs, and the Insurance Commissioner.

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