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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S ROLE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TO DETERMINE HOW THE AGENCY CAN BE INVOLVED MORE AGGRESSIVELY IN IDENTIFYING HEALTH CARE GOALS AND ARTICULATING AN OVERALL HEALTH CARE VISION FOR THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, Act 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 1975, established
2 the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) and its
3 Statewide Health Coordinating Council; and

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5 WHEREAS, Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii 1976, further
6 amended the law to establish the Subarea Health Planning
7 Councils; and

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9 WHEREAS, Act 152 also stated that the purpose of the Act
10 was to ensure the pragmatic health planning of the State by
11 providing a permanent vehicle for citizen input into the health
12 planning process so that "the total health services plans of the
13 State will be based on informed decision-making."; and

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15 WHEREAS, in the following three decades, SHPDA has evolved
16 into the primary planning and development agency for Hawaii's
17 second largest industry -- health care; and

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19 WHEREAS, it has done so largely through its regulatory
20 powers and the mandatory process of determining health service
21 needs, which is by its very nature a passive process; and

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23 WHEREAS, dramatic and significant changes have occurred in
24 the health care industry and related technologies, allowing
25 health care assessment and treatment even when patient and
26 physician are separated geographically; and

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28 WHEREAS, the health care industry in Hawaii currently finds
29 itself at a critical juncture in its ability to provide all of



1 Hawaii's citizens with affordable and reliable access to
2 adequate health care; and

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4 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii presents unique geographic
5 challenges in the delivery of adequate health care services to
6 all of its citizens; and

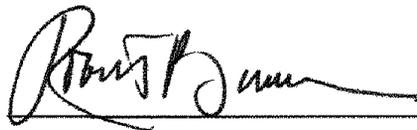
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8 WHEREAS, more than thirty years have passed since the
9 establishment of SHPDA and the need for a review of its mission
10 and role in the State's health care planning process is long
11 overdue; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature is
16 requested to review SHPDA's role in the planning and development
17 process to determine how the agency can be involved more
18 aggressively not only in identifying health care goals and
19 articulating an overall health care vision for the State, but
20 also in advocating for needed changes in the health care
21 industry in the State of Hawaii, and using its regulatory
22 authority to influence and realize these goals; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature establish a
25 task force, consisting of representatives from the Legislature,
26 SHPDA, and the local health care industry, to oversee the
27 review; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the
31 State Health Planning and Development Agency.

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34 OFFERED BY:



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