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S.C.R. NO. 172

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL HEALTH
CARE ACT.

1 WHEREAS, every person in the State of Hawaii deserves to
2 have high quality and affordable health care; and
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4 WHEREAS, the cost of health care in Hawaii and the nation
5 is escalating exponentially; and
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7 WHEREAS, health insurance premium costs and prescription
8 drug costs are rising rapidly; and
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10 WHEREAS, today, more than one hundred thousand Hawaii
11 residents are without any health care insurance coverage, and
12 more than twelve thousand of the uninsured are children; and
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14 WHEREAS, many other Hawaii residents are under-insured, or
15 unable to use their insurance properly or even at all, because
16 of increasingly expensive deductibles and out-of-pocket
17 co-payments for outpatient visits, diagnostic tests, and
18 prescription drugs, among other factors; and
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20 WHEREAS, there is a growing crisis in health care across
21 the United States of America, manifested in rising health care
22 costs, increased premiums, out-of-pocket spending, decreased
23 international business competitiveness, and massive layoffs; and
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25 WHEREAS, medical bills contribute to half of all
26 bankruptcies, and three-quarters of those who have filed for
27 bankruptcy had health insurance at the on-set of the illness or
28 injury; and
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30 WHEREAS, the increasing expense of Medicaid and the rising
31 costs of insuring state employees and teachers can best be met
32 not by limiting benefits, but by expanding them under a
33 national, publicly-funded health insurance program; and



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2 WHEREAS, the United States Representatives John Conyers and
3 Dennis Kucinich have introduced H.R. 676, the United States
4 National Health Care Act, in the United States House of
5 Representatives for the 111th Congress, and this Act would
6 provide a universal, comprehensive, single payer system of high
7 quality national health insurance; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that this Legislature
12 respectfully urges the United States Congress to enact H.R. 676,
13 the United States National Health Care Act; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
17 United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
18 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and
19 the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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