## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN DATA EXCHANGES IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE ELIGIBILITY OF RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAID ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, the State expends over \$1,000,000,000 annually on Medicaid assistance; and

WHEREAS, the State needs to ensure that the recipients of Medicaid assistance are eligible to receive that assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services administers the Medicaid assistance program for the State; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services requires data held by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in order to verify the eligibility of recipients of Medicaid assistance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the Department of Human Services are requested to continue to engage in data exchanges in order to verify the eligibility of recipients of Medicaid assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments are requested to ensure that any data exchanged between them is handled in a secure and appropriate manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments are requested to submit a report of any actions taken pursuant to this Resolution, findings and recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations and the Director of Human Services.

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