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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT A
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO INTEGRATE HEALTHCARE FOR
INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN BOTH MEDICAID AND MEDICARE.

1 WHEREAS, Medicaid and Medicare enrollees are a particularly
2 vulnerable population; and

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4 WHEREAS, Medicaid and Medicare enrollees have high
5 healthcare expenditures, receive fragmented care, have multiple
6 healthcare related identification cards, and may be unsure of
7 who to call for help; and

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9 WHEREAS, providers who serve Medicaid and Medicare
10 recipients must submit both Medicaid and Medicare claims and
11 navigate two separate prior authorization, coverage, and other
12 administrative processes; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has
15 proffered the opportunity for demonstrations to integrate
16 primary, acute, behavioral health, and long-term care services;
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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services already has
20 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-approved QUEST
21 Expanded Access Medicaid managed care health plans that include
22 Centers-approved dual eligible special needs plans; and

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24 WHEREAS, future QUEST Expanded Access health plans with
25 dual eligible special needs plans would be expected to join the
26 integration demonstration; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
30 that the Department of Human Services is requested to implement
31 a demonstration project to integrate care for individuals



1 enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare in order to improve
2 patient-centeredness and quality of care, help reduce provider
3 administrative burden, and generate savings to the state and
4 federal governments; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
7 Services is requested to optimize participation in the
8 integration demonstration while preserving consumer choice; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Human Services
11 is requested to submit an informative status report to the
12 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of
13 the Regular Session of 2013, and a subsequent detailed report of
14 findings, challenges, and recommendations, including necessary
15 proposed legislation, no later than twenty days before the
16 convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
20 and Director of Human Services.
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