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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO EXPEDITIOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE
STATE OF HAWAI'I HEALTHCARE INNOVATION PLAN TO FULLY
INTEGRATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LONG-TERM CARE, ORAL HEALTH,
AND COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE WITHIN THE
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is unique in many ways, from
2 its geography, to its diverse population, to its place as a
3 leader in progressive health care policies; and
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5 WHEREAS, not unlike trends nationwide, Hawai'i has
6 experienced rising costs, increasing morbidity from costly
7 chronic diseases and behavioral health conditions, uneven
8 access, and limited availability of health care and cost data;
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11 WHEREAS, to address the current trend and issues, the
12 Hawai'i Healthcare Project, initiated in 2012, creates
13 unparalleled stakeholder engagement, including strong advocates
14 from academia, providers, public and private payers, and
15 advocates for Native Hawaiians and other disparate populations;
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18 WHEREAS, the overall goal of health care transformation in
19 Hawai'i is to achieve the "Triple Aim" of better health, better
20 health care, and lower costs, with the additional aim (+1) of
21 addressing health disparities; and
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23 WHEREAS, the State has identified the following six
24 catalysts to achieve meaningful and sustained reform in the
25 delivery of health care:
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- 27 (1) Primary care practice redesign: Ensuring that at
28 least eighty percent of Hawai'i's residents are
29 enrolled in a patient-centered medical home by 2017



1 and integrating behavioral health care into the
2 primary care setting;

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4 (2) Care coordination programs for high-risk and high-need
5 populations: Establishing Medicaid health homes and
6 community care networks for high-risk Medicaid and
7 commercial beneficiaries;

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9 (3) Payment reform: Transitioning all payers to value-
10 based purchasing;

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12 (4) Health information technology: Improving connectivity
13 and capability across the health care ecosystem and
14 collecting and using data to support delivery and
15 payment transformation;

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17 (5) Healthcare workforce enhancements: Addressing
18 workforce shortages, improving team-based care, and
19 improving cultural competency of providers; and

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21 (6) Policy strategies and levers: Coordinating state
22 entities to drive policy changes; and
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24 WHEREAS, in 2013, the State of Hawai'i was one of sixteen
25 states to receive a Model Design Award through the Centers for
26 Medicare and Medicaid Services' State Innovation Models
27 Initiative, which is designed to improve health system
28 performance through the development and testing of state-based
29 models for multi-payer payment and health care delivery system
30 transformation; and
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32 WHEREAS, as a recipient of a State Innovation Model Design
33 cooperative agreement, Hawai'i's State HealthCare Innovation Plan
34 reflects the priorities for continued transformation that have
35 emerged through the model design process; and
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37 WHEREAS, the State's vision for health system
38 transformation is to ensure that residents have access to high
39 quality care and insurance coverage in a seamless and
40 economically sustainable health care system that embraces the
41 following:
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- (1) A focus on the needs and preferences of patients and their families and encourages active participation in better health in a culturally relevant context;
- (2) Ready access to primary care and information as provided by the most appropriate care provider by the most effective means;
- (3) Service integration to make sure that excellent specialty and ancillary services are available;
- (4) Care coordination to enhance patient experience and increase timely care;
- (5) Effective use of information systems to improve care, reduce errors, support payment reform, and continuously improve the health care system; and
- (6) Recognition of the many aspects that improve health beyond the scope of clinical services; and

WHEREAS, the overall goal of health care transformation in Hawai'i is to achieve the Triple Aim plus an additional aim (+1) to address health disparities, which includes the following elements:

- (1) Better health: Improve population health, focusing on the most prevalent and costly conditions (diabetes, end-stage renal disease, obesity, and heart disease);
- (2) Better health care: Improve the patient experience, quality of care, and access to health insurance and health care services;
- (3) Lower costs: Lower costs per capita, focusing on populations with the highest risks and utilization patterns; and
- (4) Reduced health disparities: Addressing social determinants of health and accounting for the unique culture and geography of Hawai'i's population; and



1 WHEREAS, state leaders have developed a coordinated and
2 tiered care delivery system or models of care designed to
3 complement the wide variety of primary care practices in the
4 State, successfully integrate across payers, and align with
5 ongoing innovation and transformation initiatives. The models
6 of care to be implemented in a phased approach from current time
7 to 1.5 years and from 1.5 years to three years, which are
8 aligned with patient acuity and complexity; and
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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii's health care delivery system also includes
11 other payment streams such as worker's compensation, temporary
12 disability insurance, the employer-union health benefits trust
13 fund, and Medicaid; and
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15 WHEREAS, workforce development of health care professionals
16 in public health, pharmacology, psychology, social work, and
17 medicine is critical to the successful undertaking of health
18 care reforms; and
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20 WHEREAS, long-term care costs in Hawaii are among the
21 highest in the country, and the costs continue to increase; and
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23 WHEREAS, while many people desire and do receive long-term
24 care at home, known as aging in place, a cultural tradition in
25 Hawaii, the delivery of such services in the home is often
26 fragmented and largely unaffordable; and
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28 WHEREAS, cost savings in health care can be achieved
29 through improved care coordination and efficient care delivery,
30 particularly in reducing emergency room utilization, avoiding
31 unnecessary hospitalizations, and reduction of drug
32 prescriptions, which are the known drivers of health care costs;
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35 WHEREAS, according to the Mayo Clinic's website, nearly
36 forty percent of adults report using complementary and
37 alternative medicine, which include whole medical systems
38 approach, mind-body medicine, manipulative and body-based
39 practices, and energy medicine; and
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41 WHEREAS, according to the Rhode Island Psychological
42 Association's website, many research studies have shown that



1 when people receive appropriate mental health care, their use of
2 medical services declines. For example, one study of people
3 with anxiety disorders showed that after psychological
4 treatment, the number of medical visits decreased by ninety
5 percent, laboratory costs decreased by fifty percent, and
6 overall treatment costs dropped by thirty-five; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
10 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of the
11 Governor is urged to expeditiously implement the State of Hawai'i
12 Healthcare Innovation Plan to fully integrate behavioral health,
13 long-term care, oral health, and complementary and alternative
14 medicine within the health care system; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is
17 urged to expand the current phased approach timeline for
18 implementation of resources in the interests of efficiency; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is
21 urged to accommodate other payment streams such as worker's
22 compensation, temporary disability insurance, the employer-union
23 health benefits trust fund, and Medicaid, into the reform of the
24 delivery of health care; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is
27 urged to increase interdisciplinary training of health care
28 professionals such as in public health, pharmacology,
29 psychology, social work, and medicine; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is
32 urged to strive to realize cost savings in health care through
33 improved care coordination and efficient care delivery,
34 particularly in reducing emergency room utilization, avoiding
35 unnecessary hospitalizations, and reduction of drug
36 prescriptions; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
3 Director of Health.
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