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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO EXPEDITIOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE  
STATE OF HAWAII 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  
30 and integrating behavioral health care into the  
31 primary care setting;  
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- (2) Care coordination programs for high-risk and high-need populations: Establishing Medicaid health homes and community care networks for high-risk Medicaid and commercial beneficiaries;
- (3) Payment reform: Transitioning all payers to value-based purchasing;
- (4) Health information technology: Improving connectivity and capability across the health care ecosystem and collecting and using data to support delivery and payment transformation;
- (5) Healthcare workforce enhancements: Addressing workforce shortages, improving team-based care, and improving cultural competency of providers; and
- (6) Policy strategies and levers: Coordinating state entities to drive policy changes; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the State of Hawai'i was one of sixteen states to receive a Model Design Award through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' State Innovation Models Initiative, which is designed to improve health system performance through the development and testing of state-based models for multi-payer payment and health care delivery system transformation; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of a State Innovation Model Design cooperative agreement, Hawai'i's State HealthCare Innovation Plan reflects the priorities for continued transformation that have emerged through the model design process; and

WHEREAS, the State's vision for health system transformation is to ensure that residents have access to high quality care and insurance coverage in a seamless and economically sustainable health care system that embraces the following:

- (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

WHEREAS, state leaders have developed a coordinated and tiered care delivery system or models of care designed to complement the wide variety of primary care practices in the



1 State, successfully integrate across payers, and align with  
2 ongoing innovation and transformation initiatives. The models  
3 of care to be implemented in a phased approach from current time  
4 to 1.5 years and from 1.5 years to three years, which are  
5 aligned with patient acuity and complexity; and

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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii's health care delivery system also includes  
8 other payment streams such as worker's compensation, temporary  
9 disability insurance, the employer-union health benefits trust  
10 fund, and Medicaid; and

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12 WHEREAS, workforce development of health care professionals  
13 in public health, pharmacology, psychology, social work, and  
14 medicine is critical to the successful undertaking of health  
15 care reforms; and

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17 WHEREAS, long-term care costs in Hawaii are among the  
18 highest in the country, and the costs continue to increase; and

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20 WHEREAS, while many people desire and do receive long-term  
21 care at home, known as aging in place, a cultural tradition in  
22 Hawaii, the delivery of such services in the home is often  
23 fragmented and largely unaffordable; and

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25 WHEREAS, cost savings in health care can be achieved  
26 through improved care coordination and efficient care delivery,  
27 particularly in reducing emergency room utilization, avoiding  
28 unnecessary hospitalizations, and reduction of drug  
29 prescriptions, which are the known drivers of health care costs;  
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32 WHEREAS, according to the Mayo Clinic's website, nearly  
33 forty percent of adults report using complementary and  
34 alternative medicine, which include whole medical systems  
35 approach, mind-body medicine, manipulative and body-based  
36 practices, and energy medicine; and

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38 WHEREAS, according to the Rhode Island Psychological  
39 Association's website, many research studies have shown that  
40 when people receive appropriate mental health care, their use of  
41 medical services declines. For example, one study of people  
42 with anxiety disorders showed that after psychological



1 treatment, the number of medical visits decreased by ninety  
2 percent, laboratory costs decreased by fifty percent, and  
3 overall treatment costs dropped by thirty-five; now, therefore,

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,  
7 that the Office of the Governor is urged to expeditiously  
8 implement the State of Hawai'i Healthcare Innovation Plan to  
9 fully integrate behavioral health, long-term care, oral health,  
10 and complementary and alternative medicine within the health  
11 care system; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is  
14 urged to expand the current phased approach timeline for  
15 implementation of resources in the interests of efficiency; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is  
18 urged to accommodate other payment streams such as worker's  
19 compensation, temporary disability insurance, the employer-union  
20 health benefits trust fund, and Medicaid, into the reform of the  
21 delivery of health care; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is  
24 urged to increase interdisciplinary training of health care  
25 professionals such as in public health, pharmacology,  
26 psychology, social work, and medicine; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor is  
29 urged to strive to realize cost savings in health care through  
30 improved care coordination and efficient care delivery,  
31 particularly in reducing emergency room utilization, avoiding  
32 unnecessary hospitalizations, and reduction of drug  
33 prescriptions; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of  
37 Health.

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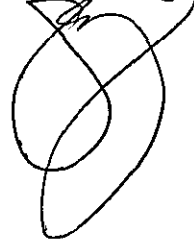
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