SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AND CONVENE A SEPSIS BEST PRACTICES GROUP.

1   WHEREAS, sepsis is a serious medical condition caused by an
2 overwhelming immune response to bacterial infection, whereby
3 immune chemicals released into the blood to combat infection
4 trigger widespread inflammation; and
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6   WHEREAS, sepsis can lead to shock, organ failure, and
7 death; and
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9   WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
10 indicates that sepsis kills more than 258,000 Americans each
11 year and leaves thousands of survivors with life-changing after
12 effects; and
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14   WHEREAS, there are over 1,000,000 cases of sepsis in the
15 United States each year, with sepsis being the ninth-leading
16 cause of disease-related death in the nation; and
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18   WHEREAS, patients hospitalized for sepsis or septicemia had
19 longer lengths of stay and more than an eight-fold increase in
20 in-hospital mortality than patients hospitalized for other
21 diagnoses; and
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23   WHEREAS, the recent outbreak of dengue fever in Hawaii
24 County further necessitates heightened attention to sepsis, as
25 dengue shock syndrome is a type of sepsis; and
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27   WHEREAS, dengue shock syndrome occurs due to the dengue
28 virus that causes abdominal pain, hemorrhage, and circulatory
29 collapse or shock, which can cause multi-organ failure; and
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1   WHEREAS, the threat of mortality for both septic shock and
2 dengue shock syndrome are higher in children and the elderly,
3 who have weaker immune systems; and
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5   WHEREAS, in 2014, the Legislature recognized the
6 seriousness of sepsis and requested the convening of a task
7 force to recommend ways to reduce incidents of sepsis and
8 sepsis-related deaths in the State; and
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10   WHEREAS, in its January 2015 report to the Legislature, the
11 State of Hawaii Sepsis Task Force "concluded that the optimal
12 approach to work towards early recognition of sepsis and
13 reducing sepsis deaths across the [S]tate is to regularly
14 convene experts from Hawaii's acute care hospitals in a Sepsis
15 Best Practice[s] Group"; now, therefore,
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17   BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of Health
20 is requested to establish a Sepsis Best Practices Group; and
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22   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health invite
23 one physician champion and one administrative representative
24 from each of Hawaii's acute care hospitals to become members of
25 the Sepsis Best Practices Group; and
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27   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sepsis Best Practices Group
28 engage in the following tasks recommended by the State of Hawaii
29 Sepsis Task Force:
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31   (1) Meet regularly to discuss best practices, educational
32   opportunities, and emerging federal sepsis policies
33   and regulations, as well as recommend implementation
34   of best practices, as necessary;
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36   (2) Facilitate the performance of a sepsis improvement
37   needs-assessment within each facility so that
38   facilities can best determine resource allocation;
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40   (3) Monitor the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
41   Services' consideration of National Quality Forum

1   measure #0500 and address the impact that the measure
2   is likely to have on Hawaii hospitals if adopted;

4   (4) Work towards defining a more representative sepsis
5   incidence baseline in the State through administrative
6   or clinical data;

8   (5) Partner with each acute care hospital's associated
9   critical access hospital to disseminate current best
10   practices regarding early recognition and intervention
11   in sepsis; and

13 (6) Encourage the adoption of sepsis educational materials
14   and initiatives by facilities; and

16   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and
17 recommendations of the Sepsis Best Practices Group be
18 considered, and incorporated as feasible, as part of a
19 comprehensive plan to be developed by the Department of Health
20 to combat sepsis; and

22   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sepsis Best Practices Group
23 is requested to submit a written report of its findings and
24 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
25 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
26 the Regular Session of 2018.

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