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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF  
THE PHYSICIAN NETWORKS ON ALL ISLANDS OF THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, there is a significant shortage of physicians in  
2 the State, particularly on the neighbor islands; and  
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4 WHEREAS, this shortage has been verified through the  
5 canvassing of physicians in Hawaii in the annual physician  
6 workforce assessment, which the John A. Burns School of Medicine  
7 at the University of Hawaii submits to the Legislature pursuant  
8 to Act 18, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, as amended by  
9 Act 186, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, as amended by Act 40,  
10 Session Laws of Hawaii 2017; and  
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12 WHEREAS, members of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the  
13 State of Hawaii considered legislation to encourage an increase  
14 in the number of physicians providing care to the State's  
15 population; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Hawaii,  
18 through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, has  
19 submitted proposed legislation regulating health provider  
20 network adequacy requirements; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
23 placed on insurance providers the responsibility of maintaining  
24 adequate networks of health care providers; and  
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26 WHEREAS, insurance providers in Hawaii declare existing  
27 health provider networks to be adequate; and  
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29 WHEREAS, patients, particularly those living on neighbor  
30 islands, contend that they experience extended wait times for



1 physician appointments because of a shortage of physicians  
2 within a convenient geographic range; and  
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4 WHEREAS, patients who live on neighbor islands contend that  
5 they are required to make regular airline trips to Oahu, at  
6 significant personal cost, to receive specialty care because of  
7 a lack of specialist physicians on their home islands; now,  
8 therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
12 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Insurance Commissioner  
13 is requested to assess the adequacy of the physician networks  
14 serving Medicaid/QUEST and EUTF covered patients on all islands  
15 of the State; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in preparing the assessment,  
18 the Insurance Commissioner is requested to seek cooperation and  
19 information from the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the  
20 University of Hawaii and the comprehensive health insurance  
21 providers in the State; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Insurance Commissioner is  
24 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
25 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
26 Legislature no later than January 1, 2019; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce  
30 and Consumer Affairs, Insurance Commissioner, Dean of the John  
31 A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii,  
32 President of Hawaii Medical Service Association, President of  
33 Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and President of Hawaii Medical  
34 Association.

