
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE A REPORT OF ALL
CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED CASES OF RAT LUNGWORM DISEASE THAT
ORIGINATED IN THE STATE AND SHARE RAT LUNGWORM DISEASE
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT WITH OTHER STATES.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature seeks information to better
2 address the recent outbreak of rat lungworm disease in Hawaii;
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5 WHEREAS, information on the prevalence of rat lungworm
6 disease in the State could help stem its spread, alert people to
7 potential threats of contracting rat lungworm disease, and
8 provide useful information on the disease; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature recommends that the Department of
11 Health investigate all confirmed and suspected cases of rat
12 lungworm disease that originated in Hawaii, including the cases
13 that involved visitors who returned to the continental United
14 States; and
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16 WHEREAS, the State has made significant scientific
17 discoveries relating to rat lungworm disease and the Legislature
18 recommends that the Department of Health provide guidance,
19 knowledge, and testing to inform and assist other states by
20 sharing best practices to treat rat lungworm disease; now,
21 therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2018, that the Department of Health is requested to provide a
26 report of all confirmed and suspected cases of rat lungworm
27 disease that originated in the State and share information
28 regarding diagnosis and effective treatment of rat lungworm
29 disease with other states; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Dean of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and the President of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association.

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