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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING INTERDEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION TO APPLY A HEALTH IN
ALL POLICIES APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING IN THE STATE OF
HAWAII, INCLUDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION,
BUDGETING, AND DELIVERY OF SERVICE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii and its residents face a growing burden of
2 largely preventable chronic illness such as heart disease,
3 stroke, obesity, and diabetes; and
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5 WHEREAS, people in communities experiencing health
6 inequities often have fewer resources to take care of their
7 health, which is reflected in significantly higher burdens of
8 chronic illness, worse health outcomes, and shorter life
9 expectancies; and
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11 WHEREAS, over twenty-five percent of adolescents and over
12 fifty-five percent of adults in Hawaii are overweight or obese;
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15 WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all people is a
16 critical element in supporting a healthy and prosperous state
17 that has a sustainable economy, growth in workforce
18 participation and productivity, and a slowdown in the inflation
19 of medical care expenditures; and
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21 WHEREAS, the physical, economic, and social environments in
22 which people live, learn, work, and play influence the adoption
23 of healthy lifestyles, by making it more or less difficult for
24 individuals to choose behaviors that promote or diminish health;
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27 WHEREAS, these environments are significantly influenced by
28 policies developed by various state agencies relating to
29 housing, transportation, education, air quality, parks, criminal
30 justice, employment, and other policy areas; and
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1 WHEREAS, public health agencies alone cannot change these
2 environments, but must work collaboratively with the many other
3 governmental agencies, businesses, and community-based
4 organizations that are best positioned to create healthy
5 communities; and

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7 WHEREAS, strategies to create healthy communities can
8 create co-benefits by simultaneously supporting state goals of
9 increasing the availability of affordable housing, protecting
10 natural resources and agricultural lands, improving
11 infrastructure systems, planning sustainable communities, and
12 addressing climate change; and

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14 WHEREAS, this body recognizes that all agencies have a role
15 to play in achieving health equity, defined as the attainment of
16 the highest level of health for all people; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
19 defines "Health in All Policies" (HiAP) as "a collaborative
20 approach that integrates and articulates health considerations
21 into policymaking across sectors to improve the health of all
22 communities and people. HiAP recognizes that health is created
23 by a multitude of factors beyond healthcare and, in many cases,
24 beyond the scope of traditional public health activities"; and

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26 WHEREAS, the HiAP approach was introduced by the federal
27 government with tools for states and territories to improve
28 health outcomes, to be an effective way to identify gaps in
29 evidence and to achieve health equity, using health as a linking
30 factor in bringing people together from across sectors to
31 address major societal issues, focusing on co-benefits and win-
32 win strategies, and harnessing the power that agencies and
33 departments can bring through their areas of individual
34 expertise by adopting a HiAP approach; and

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36 WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association states the
37 goal of HiAP is to "ensure that decision-makers are informed
38 about the health, equity, and sustainability consequences of
39 various policy options during the policy development process",
40 and requires the following five key strategies during
41 implementation:
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- (1) Engaging and visioning;
- (2) Convening and collaborating;
- (3) Developing a plan;
- (4) Investing in change; and
- (5) Tracking progress;

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the House of Representatives concurring, that all state departments are urged to integrate and apply a Health in All Policies approach to their decision-making, including policy development and implementation, budgeting, and delivery of services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in applying a Health in All Policies approach to policy development and implementation, budgeting, delivery of services, and decision-making, departments are urged to:

- (1) Consider the health impact, including short- and long-term economic, social, or health benefits and consequences;
- (2) Seek the involvement of professionals within public health and health-related sectors when making decisions that could impact the well-being of individuals or the community;
- (3) Use tools such as health impact assessments to identify the health impacts of a proposed policy or decisions;
- (4) Consider including a designee from the Department of Health on boards, committees, and decision-making entities that play a role in shaping the economic, physical, social, and service environments in which



people live, and therefore have an important role in promoting health and equity; and

- (5) Initiate and facilitate ongoing dialog across government sectors to identify strategies to more fully integrate health considerations and equity into all state programs and policies, and promote better health outcomes through interagency collaboration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Comptroller; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Attorney General; Director of Finance; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Adjutant General; Chairperson of the Board of Education; Superintendent of Education; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Director of Health; Director of Human Resources Development; Director of Human Services; Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Director of Public Safety; Director of Taxation; Director of Transportation; Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii; President of the University of Hawaii System; and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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