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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PRIORITIZE THE  
CONTAINMENT AND CONTROL OF COVID-19 TO THOSE WITH A HIGH  
PROBABILITY OF CONTRACTING AND DYING FROM THE VIRUS, SUCH  
AS THE RESIDENTS OF CARE HOMES, NURSING HOMES, AND ADULT  
FOSTER HOMES, THEIR CAREGIVERS, AND PEOPLE WITH KNOWN  
COMORBID MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

1           WHEREAS, "coronavirus", or COVID-19, has infected hundreds  
2 of thousands of people since January 2020, and continues to  
3 multiply not just in the virus's epicenter but spread in  
4 pandemic proportion globally, with cases reported in forty-nine  
5 nations; and  
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7           WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization  
8 declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of  
9 international concern"; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Epidemiologist has declared that  
12 it is not a matter of "if" but rather "when" the virus will  
13 reach Hawaii, and the State must prepare for the impact of the  
14 virus; and  
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16           WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a new disease and information about it  
17 is limited; however, the fatalities have been elderly  
18 individuals and individuals with comorbid medical conditions;  
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21           WHEREAS, because the availability of the test kit for  
22 COVID-19 may be limited, priority should be given to those who  
23 need it the most; now, therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
27 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is



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1 requested to prioritize the containment and control of COVID-19  
 2 to those with a high probability of contracting and dying from  
 3 the virus, such as residents of care homes, nursing homes, and  
 4 adult foster homes, their caregivers, and people with known  
 5 comorbid medical conditions; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
 9 of Health, and Director of Human Services.

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