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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PRIMARY CARE AND RURAL HEALTH TO  
INITIATE A 2030 ONE SHARED HEALTH VISION PLAN IN HAWAI'I  
COUNTY.

1           WHEREAS, improving public health is a complex issue that  
2 requires an examination of the social determinants that may  
3 impact whether a community has continuous access to health care  
4 resources; and

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6           WHEREAS, a coordinated effort at all levels of government,  
7 as well as in collaboration with private medical providers, is  
8 necessary to support this important examination; and

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10          WHEREAS, Hawai'i County has faced disproportionate  
11 challenges in delivering appropriate, quality health care  
12 services to its residents compared to other counties in the  
13 State because of the many socioeconomically-disadvantaged,  
14 unserved and underserved rural areas throughout the island that  
15 are geographically distant from population hubs such as Kailua-  
16 Kona and Hilo; and

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18          WHEREAS, according to a 2021 nursing education study,  
19 Hawai'i County ranks third on the list of counties in the nation  
20 with the highest primary health care worker shortage, with  
21 fifty-three percent fewer doctors than comparable counties on  
22 the mainland due to the hundreds of Hawai'i County-based medical  
23 providers having recently retired, moved, or reduced their  
24 hours; and

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26          WHEREAS, the establishment of a strong health network based  
27 in Hawai'i County would greatly improve the county's ability to  
28 coordinate care and can serve as a model of collaboration for  
29 other areas throughout the State; and

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31          WHEREAS, the success of such a health network would result  
32 in Hawai'i County being able to efficiently develop a ten-year



1 health care plan, including preventative and primary health  
2 care, specialty care, and urgent and emergency care; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, part  
5 of the Department of Health's Family Health Services Division,  
6 is tasked with coordinating federal, state, and local efforts  
7 aimed at improving the health of the State's rural and medically  
8 underserved populations; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health is  
11 uniquely positioned to organize Hawai'i County's efforts to  
12 streamline the delivery of quality health care; now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Primary  
17 Care and Rural Health is requested to initiate a 2030 One Shared  
18 Health Vision Plan and establish a pilot program in Hawai'i  
19 County; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Primary Care and  
22 Rural Health is requested to facilitate discussions with key  
23 community health and social service organizations in Hawai'i  
24 County to address the health and wellness needs of the most  
25 vulnerable by aligning the goals, objectives, and availability  
26 of services of appropriate community health care service  
27 providers; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Primary Care and  
30 Rural Health is requested to submit a report on the 2030 One  
31 Shared Health Vision Plan for Hawai'i County, including any  
32 proposed long-term legislative grant-in-aid requests, to the  
33 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
34 the Regular Session of 2023; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
3 Chief of the Family Health Services Division, and Mayor of  
4 Hawai'i County.

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OFFERED BY:

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