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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING MEDICARE FOR
ALL.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's residents deserve high quality health
2 care; and

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4 WHEREAS, the economic vitality of Hawaii is closely linked
5 to the physical well-being of its residents; and

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7 WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic led
8 to record levels of unemployment and the loss of employer-
9 sponsored health insurance for hundreds of thousands of Hawaii's
10 workers; and

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12 WHEREAS, according to a University of Michigan study
13 published in 2010, Native Hawaiians are far more likely to
14 suffer an early death in comparison to Caucasians; and

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16 WHEREAS, people often delay needed medical treatments due
17 to an inability to pay for health care costs, which further
18 jeopardizes the health of those individuals; and

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20 WHEREAS, these individuals are significantly more likely to
21 develop serious illness if they contract COVID-19; and

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23 WHEREAS, managed care and other market-based reforms have
24 failed to contain health care costs, resulting in medical
25 problems and cost burdens for working families; and

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27 WHEREAS, under a single-payer health care system, non-
28 medical expenses nationwide could be reduced to approximately
29 six to eight percent of total health care costs, saving more
30 than one trillion dollars; and



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2 WHEREAS, Medicare for All would provide national health
3 insurance without copayments and deductibles for every person in
4 the United States for all necessary medical care, including
5 prescription drugs, hospital visits, surgical and outpatient
6 services, primary and preventive care, emergency services,
7 reproductive care, dental and vision services, and long-term
8 care; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
12 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States
13 Congress and Hawaii's congressional delegation are urged to
14 support legislation establishing Medicare for All; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to each member of the
18 United States Congress and Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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OFFERED BY:

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