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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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 disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
8 pandemic led to record levels of unemployment and the loss of  
9 employer-sponsored health insurance for hundreds of thousands of  
10 Hawaii's 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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32 WHEREAS, Medicare for All would provide national health  
33 insurance without copayments and deductibles for every person in



1 the United States for all necessary medical care, including  
2 prescription drugs, hospital visits, surgical and outpatient  
3 services, primary and preventive care, emergency services,  
4 reproductive care, dental and vision services, and long-term  
5 care; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
9 that the United States Congress and Hawaii's congressional  
10 delegation are urged to support legislation establishing  
11 Medicare for All; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States  
15 House of Representatives, President of the United States Senate,  
16 and members of the Hawaii congressional delegation.

