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SENATE 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
33 health care plan, including preventative and primary health
34 care, specialty care, and urgent and emergency care; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, part
3 of the Department of Health's Family Health Services Division,
4 is tasked with coordinating federal, state, and local efforts
5 aimed at improving the health of the State's rural and medically
6 underserved populations; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health is
9 uniquely positioned to organize Hawai'i County's efforts to
10 streamline the delivery of quality health care; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
14 that the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health is requested to
15 initiate a 2030 One Shared Health Vision Plan and establish a
16 pilot program in Hawai'i County; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Primary Care and
19 Rural Health is requested to facilitate discussions with key
20 community health and social service organizations in Hawai'i
21 County to address the health and wellness needs of the most
22 vulnerable by aligning the goals, objectives, and availability
23 of services of appropriate community health care service
24 providers; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Primary Care and
27 Rural Health is requested to submit a report on the 2030 One
28 Shared Health Vision Plan for Hawai'i County, including any
29 proposed long-term legislative grant-in-aid requests, to the
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Chief of
35 the Family Health Services Division, and Mayor of Hawai'i County.
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OFFERED BY: 

