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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE AN AEROMEDICAL  
SERVICES WORKING GROUP.

1           WHEREAS, it is of critical importance to the State to  
2 ensure residents have prompt access to primary health care; and  
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4           WHEREAS, most rural communities in the State have fewer  
5 health care resources compared to communities on Oahu, including  
6 access to advanced levels of trauma care, medical specialists,  
7 and subspecialists; and  
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9           WHEREAS, patients in these rural areas are at greater risk  
10 of poor health outcomes for serious medical conditions, such as  
11 heart attack, stroke, and traumatic bodily injuries; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the existing aeromedical services system is  
14 overburdened and is currently served by only one statewide  
15 aeromedical services provider, for which there are few viable  
16 and cost-effective alternatives in the event of a grounding, for  
17 example, due to maintenance issues or crew availability; and  
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19           WHEREAS, there are a number of barriers to expanding the  
20 aeromedical services system, including insufficient funding,  
21 plans, procedures, and protocols; now, therefore,  
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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
26 Health is requested to convene an Aeromedical Services Working  
27 Group; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
30 to consist of the following members:  
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- 1 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;  
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- 3 (2) The Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Health  
4 and Human Services, or a member appointed by the  
5 President of the Senate;  
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- 7 (3) The Chair of the House of Representatives Standing  
8 Committee on Health, or a member appointed by the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
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- 11 (4) The Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management  
12 Agency, or the Director's designee;  
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- 14 (5) The Director of the Department of Emergency Management  
15 of the City and County of Honolulu, or the Director's  
16 designee;  
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- 18 (6) The Administrator of the Maui Emergency Management  
19 Agency, or the Administrator's designee;  
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- 21 (7) The Administrator of the Kauai Emergency Management  
22 Agency, or the Administrator's designee;  
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- 24 (8) The Administrator of the Hawaii County Civil Defense  
25 Agency, or the Administrator's designee;  
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- 27 (9) A representative of the Healthcare Association of  
28 Hawaii, to be selected and invited to participate by  
29 the Director of Health;  
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- 31 (10) A representative of the Hawaii Association of Health  
32 Plans, to be selected and invited to participate by  
33 the Director of Health;  
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- 35 (11) One representative from a health system operating in  
36 the State, to be selected and invited to participate  
37 by the Director of Health;  
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- 39 (12) At least two representatives from independent  
40 providers operating in the State, one of whom that  
41 operates in the County of Maui, Kauai, or Hawaii, to



1 be selected and invited to participate by the Director  
2 of Health; and

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4 (13) Two representatives from providers of emergency  
5 aeromedical services who have conducted operations in  
6 the State within the last five years and can provide  
7 comprehensive air medical services with rotor- and  
8 fixed-wing support, to be selected and invited to  
9 participate by the Director of Health; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
12 to, at a minimum:

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14 (1) Study and assess emergency aeromedical services needs  
15 across the State and in each county; and

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17 (2) Develop and recommend future plans, procedures,  
18 protocols, and funding to increase the predictability  
19 and stability of air ambulance medical services for  
20 the State; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
23 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
24 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
25 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
26 of 2026; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
29 to dissolve on June 30, 2026; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
33 Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Director of  
34 the Department of Emergency Management of the City and County of  
35 Honolulu, Administrator of the Maui Emergency Management Agency,  
36 Administrator of the Kauai Emergency Management Agency,  
37 Administrator of the Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency,  
38 President and Chief Executive Officer of Healthcare Association  
39 of Hawaii, and President of Hawaii Medical Association.

