
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS WHO ARE WAITLISTED FOR LONG-TERM CARE.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted S.C.R. No. 198 in the 2007
2 legislative session to address the problem of patients who must
3 remain in acute care hospitals because they cannot be
4 transferred to a long-term care facility due to insufficient
5 numbers of long-term care beds in nursing facilities; and
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7 WHEREAS, patients in hospitals who are waitlisted for long-
8 term care represent a serious problem in Hawaii because valuable
9 acute care beds may not be available for those with serious
10 illnesses or injuries; and
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12 WHEREAS, this situation also results in high costs to
13 hospitals that are avoidable; and
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15 WHEREAS, S.C.R. No. 198 requested the Healthcare
16 Association of Hawaii to study the waitlist problem and report
17 findings and recommendations prior to the Regular Session of
18 2008; and
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20 WHEREAS, in response, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii
21 created the Waitlist Task Force (Task Force), which included
22 representation from acute hospitals and long-term care
23 facilities to identify and clarify issues, gather data, and
24 develop solutions to the waitlist problem; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Task Force met a number of times and reported
27 to the Legislature on its efforts, but due to the complexity of
28 the waitlist problem the Task Force has not yet completed its
29 work in gathering data and finalizing solutions; now, therefore,

30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2008, that the Healthcare Association of Hawaii is



1 requested to continue its work in developing solutions to the
2 waitlist problem; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthcare Association of
5 Hawaii is requested to submit a second report of its findings
6 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days
7 prior to the convening Of the Regular Session of 2009; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
11 Director of Human Services, and President of the Healthcare
12 Association of Hawaii.
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