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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION TO REPORT TO THE
LEGISLATURE ON IMPLEMENTING THE TAX INCENTIVE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAUI HEALTH INITIATIVE TASK FORCE TO
ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF AN ADEQUATE MEDICAL SERVICES
INFRASTRUCTURE TO CARE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MAUI.

1 WHEREAS, Act 219, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, created the
2 Maui Health Initiative Task Force to develop a comprehensive
3 strategic development plan for the County of Maui, specifically
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- 6 (1) Determine the current and future health care needs of
7 Maui county;
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- 9 (2) Develop an integrated plan for providing health care,
10 including primary, acute, and long-term care, urgent
11 and emergency care, and disaster preparedness; and
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- 13 (3) Determine an appropriate role for Maui county health
14 care facilities within the statewide system of
15 emergency and trauma care; and
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17 WHEREAS, among the recommendations as contained in the
18 final report of the Maui Health Initiative Task Force is the
19 recommendation to create state tax credits:

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- 21 (1) For health care providers, facilities, and services
22 related to the provision of health care or the
23 training of health care professionals in Hawaii; and
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- 25 (2) To encourage the development, maintenance, and
26 operation of electronic medical records systems that
27 are inter-operable with Hawaii's regional health
28 information organization; and
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30 WHEREAS, the state Department of Taxation possesses the
31 information and figures to follow up with the tax credit
32 recommendations of the Maui Health Initiative Task Force,
33 including tax credits for:
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(1) Paragraphs (1) and (2) in the immediate previous clause of this measure;

(2) Families caring for loved ones at home; and

(3) Private entities to obtain land for and to build alternative long-term care beds to provide for Medicaid patients;

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, that the Department of Taxation is requested to conduct a study of the tax recommendations of the Maui Health Initiative Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include projected tax revenue loss and details regarding the administrative implementation of each tax credit recommendation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Taxation report to the Legislature and the Governor on its findings and recommendations no later December 1, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a legislative informational briefing be conducted on the report of the Department of Taxation after it files the report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Taxation and the Governor.

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