

MAR 12 2008

---

---

## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S ROLE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TO DETERMINE HOW THE AGENCY CAN BE INVOLVED MORE AGGRESSIVELY IN IDENTIFYING HEALTH CARE GOALS AND ARTICULATING AN OVERALL HEALTH CARE VISION FOR THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, Act 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 1975, established  
2 the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) and its  
3 Statewide Health Coordinating Council; and  
4

5 WHEREAS, Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii 1976, further  
6 amended the law to establish the Subarea Health Planning  
7 Councils; and  
8

9 WHEREAS, Act 152 also stated that the purpose of the Act  
10 was to ensure the pragmatic health planning of the State by  
11 providing a permanent vehicle for citizen input into the health  
12 planning process so that "the total health services plans of the  
13 State will be based on informed decision-making."; and  
14

15 WHEREAS, in the following three decades, SHPDA has evolved  
16 into the primary planning and development agency for Hawaii's  
17 second largest industry -- health care; and  
18

19 WHEREAS, it has done so largely through its regulatory  
20 powers and the mandatory process of determining health service  
21 needs, which is by its very nature a passive process; and  
22

23 WHEREAS, dramatic and significant changes have occurred in  
24 the health care industry and related technologies, allowing  
25 health care assessment and treatment even when patient and  
26 physician are separated geographically; and  
27

28 WHEREAS, the health care industry in Hawaii currently finds  
29 itself at a critical juncture in its ability to provide all of  
30 Hawaii's citizens with affordable and reliable access to  
31 adequate health care; and  
32



1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii presents unique geographic  
2 challenges in the delivery of adequate health care services to  
3 all of its citizens; and

4  
5 WHEREAS, more than thirty years have passed since the  
6 establishment of SHPDA and the need for a review of its mission  
7 and role in the State's health care planning process is long  
8 overdue; now, therefore,

9  
10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
12 that the Legislature is requested to review SHPDA's role in the  
13 planning and development process to determine how the agency can  
14 be involved more aggressively not only in identifying health  
15 care goals and articulating an overall health care vision for  
16 the State, but also in advocating for needed changes in the  
17 health care industry in the State of Hawaii, and using its  
18 regulatory authority to influence and realize these goals; and

19  
20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature establish a  
21 task force, consisting of representatives from the Legislature,  
22 SHPDA, and the local health care industry, to oversee the  
23 review; and

24  
25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the State  
27 Health Planning and Development Agency.

28  
29  
30

OFFERED BY: 



