
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LONG TERM CARE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF INCREASING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS TO HOSPITALS FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE WAITLISTED FOR LONG TERM CARE AND TO LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES TO ACCEPT WAITLISTED PATIENTS.

1 WHEREAS, THE Legislature adopted S.C.R. No. 198 in 2007 to
2 request the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to study the
3 waitlist problem, and subsequently H.C.R. No. 53 in 2008 to
4 continue the study; and

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6 WHEREAS, these concurrent resolutions address the problem
7 of patients who have been treated in acute care hospitals and
8 whose conditions have improved so that they may be transferred
9 to long term care, but who remain in hospitals because the cost
10 of caring for their needs exceeds the reimbursement; and

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12 WHEREAS, waitlisted patients represent a serious problem in
13 Hawaii because it results in a diminished number of acute care
14 beds that are available for those with serious illnesses or
15 injuries and also high costs to hospitals; and

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17 WHEREAS, in response to the concurrent resolutions the
18 Healthcare Association of Hawaii created the Waitlist Task
19 Force, which studied relevant issues and submitted a report to
20 the 2009 Legislature that included a recommendation to increase
21 Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals for patients who are
22 waitlisted for long term care, and also to long term care
23 facilities to accept these patients; and

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25 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 706 S.B. No. 417 were introduced in the
26 2008 legislative session to implement that recommendation; and

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28 WHEREAS, long term care issues are now being considered
29 comprehensively by the Long Term Care Commission that was
30 created in 2008, when the Legislature passed Act 224, SLH



1 2008, which created the Commission to study the financing of long
2 term care so that the needed infrastructure would be created;
3 now, therefore,
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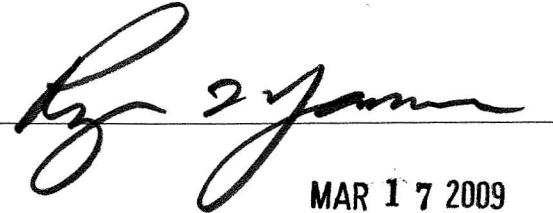
5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2009, that the Long Term Care Commission is requested to
8 consider increasing Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals for
9 patients who are waitlisted for long term care and to long term
10 care facilities to accept waitlisted patients; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Long Term Care Commission
13 review the report by the Waitlist Task Force, along with H.B.
14 No. 706 and S.B. No. 417 and the testimony submitted on those
15 bills; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Long Term Care Commission
18 submit a report of findings and recommendations that address
19 Medicaid reimbursements for waitlisted patients no later than 20
20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2010; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
24 Health, the Director of Human Services, and the Chair of the
25 Long Term Care Commission.
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