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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL FACILITIES REGARDING
HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
2 Prevention, every year almost two million patients are infected
3 while hospitalized and ninety-eight thousand of those patients
4 die, which is more than the number of deaths caused by auto
5 accidents and homicides combined; and
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7 WHEREAS, the costs of hospital-acquired infections are
8 estimated to add \$27,500,000,000 to hospital expenses each year;
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11 WHEREAS, hospitals throughout the United States have
12 demonstrated that using evidence-based prevention practices can
13 dramatically reduce central line-related blood stream infection,
14 surgical-site infection, ventilator-associated pneumonia, and
15 catheter-related urinary tract infections; and
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17 WHEREAS, public reporting of infection rates in hospitals
18 and health care facilities would also reduce the costs of
19 treating preventable infections in health care facilities; and
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21 WHEREAS, data transparency will educate health care
22 consumers and allow them to choose the facilities that ensure
23 greater safeguards against hospital-acquired infections, which
24 will, in turn, encourage all hospitals and health care
25 facilities to take steps to reduce their infection rates; and
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27 WHEREAS, as of 2008, approximately twenty-six states
28 required the reporting of hospital-acquired infection rates; and
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30 WHEREAS, public reporting of hospital-acquired infection
31 rates in Hawaii may motivate hospitals to improve their



1 infection-prevention practices and allow meaningful evaluation
2 of their infection control programs; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
7 Health is requested to establish reporting requirements for
8 hospitals, medical facilities, and certain medical professionals
9 regarding hospital-acquired infections; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
12 requested to report annually no later than twenty days prior to
13 the convening of the Regular Session of 2011, and at the same
14 time in subsequent annual reports to the Legislature and the
15 Governor regarding hospital-acquired infections and to post the
16 reports on the Department's website to make the information
17 available to the public; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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