
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A STATE ACTION
PLAN TO COMBAT CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE IN THE
STATE.

1 WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is one of
2 the most common adult respiratory diseases and the third leading
3 cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause
4 of disability; and

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6 WHEREAS, this debilitating disease refers to a group of
7 diseases that cause airflow blockage and breathing-related
8 problems, and includes emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and in
9 some cases, asthma; and

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11 WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is an
12 enormous burden to society, in terms of direct costs to
13 healthcare services, indirect costs through loss of
14 productivity, and deterioration of personal health and well-
15 being; and

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17 WHEREAS, according to the National Institutes of Health,
18 the annual costs of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
19 exceeds \$32 billion annually; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
22 indicates that in the United States, while tobacco use is a key
23 factor in the development and progression of chronic obstructive
24 pulmonary disease, other factors such as asthma, exposure to air
25 pollutants in the home and workplace, genetic factors, and
26 respiratory infections also play a role; and



1 WHEREAS, although chronic obstructive pulmonary disease has
2 received increasing attention from the medical community in
3 recent years, and despite the enormous costs and high prevalence
4 of this disease, it is still relatively unknown by the public
5 and scant attention has been given to educating the public about
6 this disease and informing them about preventive measures and
7 effective treatments to combat this disease; and

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9 WHEREAS, in 1998, in an effort to bring more attention to
10 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, its management, and its
11 prevention, a group of scientists encouraged the United States
12 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the World Health
13 Organization to form the Global Initiative for Chronic
14 Obstructive Lung Disease; and

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16 WHEREAS, similar to the national and global initiatives, a
17 state action plan is necessary to combat chronic obstructive
18 pulmonary disease, with an emphasis on prevention, diagnosis,
19 and treatment; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
24 requested to develop a state action plan to combat chronic
25 obstructive pulmonary disease in the State; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing a state action
28 plan to combat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, the
29 Department of Health is requested to include the following
30 components:

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32 (1) Education and awareness;
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34 (2) Health care, including diagnosis, treatment, and
35 management; and
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37 (3) Data and surveillance; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
40 requested to submit:



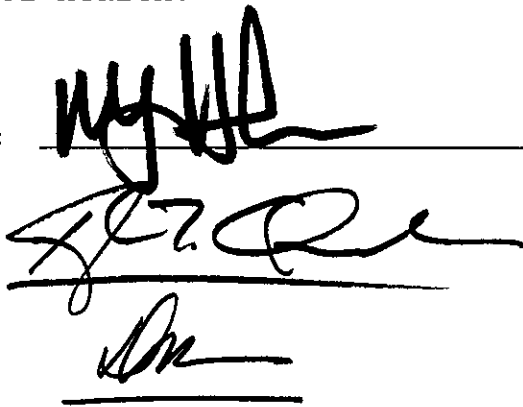
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- 1 (1) A report of its progress in developing the state
- 2 action plan to the Legislature no later than twenty
- 3 days before the convening of the Regular Session of
- 4 2013; and
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- 6 (2) A copy of the state action plan to the Legislature no
- 7 later than twenty days before the convening of the
- 8 Regular Session of 2014; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
12 State of Hawaii and the Director of Health.

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