
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A STROKE
SYSTEM OF CARE IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, stroke is the leading cause of chronic disability
2 among adults in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, rapid identification, diagnosis, and treatment of
5 stroke can improve outcomes for stroke patients; and

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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii needs an effective system to support the
8 rapid assessment and triage of stroke patients and provide
9 appropriate stroke treatment in a timely manner; and

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11 WHEREAS, a stroke system of care will improve the overall
12 care of stroke patients, increase patients' chances of survival,
13 and decrease the incidence of long-term disabilities associated
14 with stroke; and

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16 WHEREAS, such a system of care is recommended in *Hawaii's*
17 *Plan for the Prevention of Heart Disease and Stroke*, issued by
18 the Department of Health in November 2011; and

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20 WHEREAS, a stroke system of care should be established in
21 the State to evaluate, stabilize, and provide emergency and
22 inpatient care to patients with acute stroke; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
26 that the Department of Health is urged to convene a task force
27 to establish a stroke system of care in the State that includes
28 a statewide stroke database and registry by December 31, 2015;
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task
32 force comprise government, non-profit, and private health care
33 entities and include the following individuals:

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35 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;



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- 2 (2) The Emergency Medical Services Directors of each
- 3 county, or the Directors' designees;
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- 5 (3) A representative of Healthcare Association of Hawaii,
- 6 who shall identify and invite chief medical officers
- 7 or their designees from all hospitals with emergency
- 8 departments to participate as members;
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- 10 (4) A representative from the Hawaii Neurological Society;
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- 12 (5) A representative from the American College of
- 13 Emergency Physicians, Hawaii Chapter;
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- 15 (6) A representative from the Neurotrauma Advisory Board
- 16 established under section 321H-3, Hawaii Revised
- 17 Statutes;
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- 19 (7) A representative from the American Heart Association
- 20 or the American Stroke Association;
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- 22 (8) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
- 23 the Speaker of the House;
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- 25 (9) A member of the Senate appointed by the Senate
- 26 President; and
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- 28 (10) Any additional stakeholders identified by the task
- 29 force may be added as members, as necessary; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing a stroke system
32 of care, the task force is requested to:

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- 34 (1) Examine and identify barriers to quality care for
- 35 stroke patients;
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- 37 (2) Review and assess national models, best practices,
- 38 guidelines, and standards of stroke care, comparative
- 39 to Hawaii's needs;
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- 41 (3) Update information regarding the stroke plan in the
- 42 *Hawaii Plan for the Prevention of Heart Disease and*
- 43 *Stroke*, issued by the Department of Health in November
- 44 2011, including a needs assessment that, in



1 particular, assures that Neighbor Island issues are
2 adequately addressed;

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- 4 (4) Focus on ensuring that patients at risk of stroke are
5 provided care, at minimum, at a stroke support
6 facility based on criteria developed and used by the
7 American Heart Association, American Stroke
8 Association, or Brain Attack Coalition;
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- 10 (5) Use uniform pre-hospital protocols for the assessment
11 of stroke to alert appropriate hospitals to prepare
12 for potential acute stroke patients prior to their
13 arrival at the hospital;
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- 15 (6) Seek alignment with the State's Healthcare
16 Transformation priorities, including the requirements
17 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and
18 federal meaningful use of health information
19 technology priorities;
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- 21 (7) Include requirements for the measuring, reporting, and
22 monitoring of stroke care performance through data
23 collection;
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- 25 (8) Establish a statewide stroke database and registry in
26 which all hospitals and healthcare facilities can
27 participate and consider the feasibility of
28 integrating the data registry component through
29 American Heart Association or American Stroke
30 Association super-user licensure for the Department of
31 Health; and
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- 33 (9) Recommend protocols regarding direct transportation of
34 stroke patients to appropriate hospitals by emergency
35 medical personnel; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
38 propose legislation necessary to support Hawaii's stroke care
39 continuum; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the statewide stroke database
42 and registry include performance measurements obtained using a
43 standardized stroke measure set containing data that is
44 consistent with nationally-recognized guidelines on the



1 treatment of individuals with confirmed stroke within the State,
2 such as the American Heart Association's "Get With The
3 Guidelines - Stroke" or The Joint Commission's "Stroke
4 Performance Measurement Implementation Guide"; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
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9 (1) An initial report to the Legislature by December 31,
10 2013; and
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12 (2) A final report to the Legislature no later than 20
13 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
14 2015,

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16 of the task force's actions taken and progress made, including
17 findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation and
18 recommended funding levels, to establish a stroke system of care
19 that includes the creation of a statewide stroke database and
20 registry; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Health;
24 Senate President; Speaker of the House of Representatives;
25 Emergency Medical Services Directors of each county; Hawaii
26 Neurological Society; American College of Emergency Physicians,
27 Hawaii Chapter; Chairperson of the Neurotrauma Advisory Board;
28 American Heart Association; American Stroke Association; and
29 Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

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