
SENATE CONCURRENT 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, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
27 Health is urged to convene a task force to establish a stroke
28 system of care in the State that includes a statewide stroke
29 database and registry by December 31, 2015; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task
2 force comprise government, non-profit, and private health care
3 entities and include the following individuals:

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

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- 39 (1) Examine and identify barriers to quality care for
40 stroke patients;
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- 42 (2) Review and assess national models, best practices,
43 guidelines, and standards of stroke care, comparative
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- (3) Update information regarding the stroke plan in the *Hawaii Plan for the Prevention of Heart Disease and Stroke*, issued by the Department of Health in November 2011, including a needs assessment that, in particular, assures that Neighbor Island issues are adequately addressed;
- (4) Focus on ensuring that patients at risk of stroke are provided care, at minimum, at a stroke support facility based on criteria developed and used by the American Heart Association, American Stroke Association, or Brain Attack Coalition;
- (5) Use uniform pre-hospital protocols for the assessment of stroke to alert appropriate hospitals to prepare for potential acute stroke patients prior to their arrival at the hospital;
- (6) Seek alignment with the State's Healthcare Transformation priorities, including the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and federal meaningful use of health information technology priorities;
- (7) Include requirements for the measuring, reporting, and monitoring of stroke care performance through data collection;
- (8) Establish a statewide stroke database and registry in which all hospitals and healthcare facilities can participate and consider the feasibility of integrating the data registry component through American Heart Association or American Stroke Association super-user licensure for the Department of Health; and
- (9) Recommend protocols regarding direct transportation of stroke patients to appropriate hospitals by emergency medical personnel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to propose legislation necessary to support Hawaii's stroke care continuum; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the statewide stroke database
3 and registry include performance measurements obtained using a
4 standardized stroke measure set containing data that is
5 consistent with nationally-recognized guidelines on the
6 treatment of individuals with confirmed stroke within the State,
7 such as the American Heart Association's "Get With The
8 Guidelines - Stroke" or The Joint Commission's "Stroke
9 Performance Measurement Implementation Guide"; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
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14 (1) An initial report to the Legislature by December 31,
15 2013; and

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17 (2) A final report to the Legislature no later than 20
18 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
19 2015,

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21 of the task force's actions taken and progress made, including
22 findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation and
23 recommended funding levels, to establish a stroke system of care
24 that includes the creation of a statewide stroke database and
25 registry; and

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

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