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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORK GROUP TO EXAMINE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND RISK ADJUSTMENT FOR MEDICAID, GAP-GROUP, AND UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.

1 WHEREAS, health is affected by social determinants of  
2 health, which have considerable bearing on individual and  
3 population health, more so than genetic disposition and  
4 traditional medical care; and

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6 WHEREAS, County Health Rankings has found that much of life  
7 expectancy and health status is attributed to social and  
8 economic factors (forty percent), health behaviors (thirty  
9 percent), and the physical environment (ten percent), leaving  
10 only twenty percent to clinical care; and

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12 WHEREAS, many people are subject to multiple determinants,  
13 or risks, such as homelessness, language barriers, abuse,  
14 unemployment, poverty, and lack of transportation at any given  
15 time; and

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17 WHEREAS, social determinants of health complicate the  
18 ability to address individual and community health concerns and  
19 pose challenges to patients and providers in identifying,  
20 assessing, and treating health problems; and

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22 WHEREAS, enabling services, which are non-clinical services  
23 designed to address gaps in care by qualified staff from the  
24 community who build relationships and trust with their patients,  
25 can reduce social determinants of health barriers and address  
26 issues such as housing, transportation, interpretation, economic  
27 security, and linkage and coordination with providers of other  
28 services such as education, behavioral health, and employment  
29 services; and

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31 WHEREAS, unmet needs for social determinants of health and  
32 other enabling services, including care coordination, often  
33 result in costlier preventable health care costs such as  
34 hospitalizations and emergency department utilization; and  
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1 WHEREAS, traditional health care and payment for health  
2 care do not address social determinants of health related to  
3 language, culture, economic and livelihood security,  
4 environmental quality, transportation, and many other barriers  
5 individuals face to utilize health care; and

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7 WHEREAS, health care costs could be reduced with improved  
8 access to primary care services and risk adjustment for social  
9 determinants of health and other enabling services; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured populations  
12 have significant socio-economic pressures, and addressing them  
13 will show measurable improvement in preventable health care  
14 costs; and

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16 WHEREAS, differences among population groups exist;  
17 therefore, disaggregation of assessment data by race, age,  
18 gender, socio-economic status, education level, and geography is  
19 vital to addressing social determinants of health; now,  
20 therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,  
24 that the Senate President and Speaker of the House of  
25 Representatives are requested to establish a work group to  
26 examine social determinants of health and risk adjustment for  
27 Medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured individuals; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group include but not  
30 be limited to the following members:

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32 (1) The Insurance Commissioner;  
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34 (2) A representative from the Department of Human  
35 Services;  
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37 (3) Representatives from health insurance plans within the  
38 State;  
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40 (4) A representative from the Healthcare Association of  
41 Hawaii;  
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43 (5) A representative from the Hawaii Primary Care  
44 Association;



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- 2 (6) A representative from the Hawaii Medical Association;
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- 4 (7) A representative from the Department of Health;
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- 6 (8) Three members from Hawaii's health care provider
- 7 community;
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- 9 (9) Three members from Hawaii's community health centers;
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- 11 (10) One consumer who is enrolled in Medicaid, one consumer
- 12 who falls into the gap-group, and one consumer who is
- 13 uninsured;
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- 15 (11) A representative from the Hawaii Health Connector;
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- 17 (12) A representative from the Governor's Healthcare
- 18 Transformation Office; and
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- 20 (13) The Chairs of the House and Senate Health and Human
- 21 Services Committees; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group is requested, at  
24 minimum, to conduct the following:

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- 26 (1) Examination of enabling services and payment for these
- 27 services;
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- 29 (2) Examination of care coordination efforts including
- 30 which settings offer care coordination, who employs
- 31 care coordinators, whether health plans pay for on-
- 32 site or off-site coordination, whether there are any
- 33 standardization of care coordination efforts with
- 34 hospitals, and the transition of care from hospital to
- 35 the community setting;
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- 37 (3) Evaluation of the structure of incentives provided by
- 38 the State to health plans, and determination of
- 39 whether the incentives align effectively with
- 40 providers;
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- 42 (4) Measurement of the effectiveness of health plan
- 43 coordinated and managed behavioral health services,
- 44 substance abuse treatment, and pain management;



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- 2 (5) Evaluation of the management of risk pools and the
- 3 collaboration and shared information of these risk
- 4 pools between plans and providers;
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- 6 (6) Examination of value added services that are offered
- 7 in health care homes including engaging community,
- 8 cultural proficiency, workforce and job training, and
- 9 care enabling services, identifying the settings where
- 10 these services are offered, and identifying whether
- 11 the State incentivizes these services;
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- 13 (7) Examination of the risk adjustment systems identifying
- 14 medical complexity and social determinants that need
- 15 to be improved or adopted to ensure patients receive
- 16 necessary care and that performance-based incentives
- 17 for providers are fair;
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- 19 (8) Examination of risk adjustment between the State and
- 20 health plans including high risk patients with
- 21 behavioral conditions and early onset of chronic
- 22 disease, particularly for Native Hawaiians and other
- 23 high risk populations;
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- 25 (9) Examination of how other states are implementing
- 26 comprehensive approaches to Medicaid and health
- 27 insurance exchange risk adjustment practices that
- 28 incorporate medical and social risk factors; and
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- 30 (10) Examination of the benefit package for gap-group and
- 31 Medicaid enrollees and an analysis of their needs,
- 32 including social determinants of health, enabling
- 33 services, and reimbursement rates from the state and
- 34 health plans; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group is requested to  
37 submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations,  
38 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
39 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
40 of 2014, and a final report to the Legislature no later than  
41 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
42 2015; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group be subject to  
2 chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Healthcare  
5 Transformation Coordinator, in partnership with the Legislature,  
6 is requested to assist the work group by providing a  
7 facilitator; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group cease to exist  
10 on June 30, 2015; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,  
14 Director of Human Services, Director of Commerce and Consumer  
15 Affairs, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Insurance  
16 Commissioner, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Primary  
17 Care Association, Hawaii Medical Association, Executive Director  
18 of the Hawaii Health Connector, President of the Senate, and  
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
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