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# 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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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 from the Neurotrauma Advisory Board  
11 established under section 321H-3, Hawaii Revised  
12 Statutes;
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- 14 (4) A representative from the American Heart Association  
15 or the American Stroke Association;
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- 17 (5) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by  
18 the Speaker of the House;
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- 20 (6) A member of the Senate appointed by the Senate  
21 President; and
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- 23 (7) Three representatives of the health care industry  
24 selected by the Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing a stroke system  
27 of care, the task force is requested to:

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- 29 (1) Examine and identify barriers to quality care for  
30 stroke patients;
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- 32 (2) Review and assess national models, best practices,  
33 guidelines, and standards of stroke care, comparative  
34 to Hawaii's needs;
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- 36 (3) Update information regarding the stroke plan in the  
37 *Hawaii Plan for the Prevention of Heart Disease and*  
38 *Stroke*, issued by the Department of Health in November  
39 2011, including a needs assessment that, in  
40 particular, assures that Neighbor Island issues are  
41 adequately addressed;

- 1           (4) Focus on ensuring that patients at risk of stroke  
2           are provided care, at minimum, at a stroke support  
3           facility based on criteria developed and used by the  
4           American Heart Association, American Stroke  
5           Association, or Brain Attack Coalition;  
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- 7           (5) Use uniform pre-hospital protocols for the assessment  
8           of stroke to alert appropriate hospitals to prepare  
9           for potential acute stroke patients prior to their  
10          arrival at the hospital;  
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- 12          (6) Seek alignment with the State's Healthcare  
13          Transformation priorities, including the requirements  
14          of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and  
15          federal meaningful use of health information  
16          technology priorities;  
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- 18          (7) Include requirements for the measuring, reporting, and  
19          monitoring of stroke care performance through data  
20          collection;  
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- 22          (8) Establish a statewide stroke database and registry in  
23          which all hospitals and healthcare facilities can  
24          participate and consider the feasibility of  
25          integrating the data registry component through  
26          American Heart Association or American Stroke  
27          Association super-user licensure for the Department of  
28          Health; and  
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- 30          (9) Recommend protocols regarding direct transportation of  
31          stroke patients to appropriate hospitals by emergency  
32          medical personnel; and  
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34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
35           propose legislation necessary to support Hawaii's stroke care  
36           continuum; and  
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38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the statewide stroke database  
39           and registry include performance measurements obtained using a  
40           standardized stroke measure set containing data that is  
41           consistent with nationally-recognized guidelines on the  
42           treatment of individuals with confirmed stroke within the State,  
43           such as the American Heart Association's "Get With The



1 Guidelines - Stroke" or The Joint Commission's "Stroke  
2 Performance Measurement Implementation Guide"; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
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7 (1) An initial report to the Legislature by December 31,  
8 2013; and

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10 (2) A final report to the Legislature no later than 20  
11 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
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14 of the task force's actions taken and progress made, including  
15 findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation and  
16 recommended funding levels, to establish a stroke system of care  
17 that includes the creation of a statewide stroke database and  
18 registry; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,  
22 Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
23 Chairperson of the Neurotrauma Advisory Board, Executive  
24 Director of the American Heart Association of Hawaii, and  
25 President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

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