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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING AN ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE WORKING GROUP TO
EXPLORE STRATEGIES TO ENSURE ALL ADULTS EXECUTE AN ADVANCE
HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE.

1 WHEREAS, an advance health care directive is a premade set
2 of instructions concerning decisions about a person's medical
3 treatment and health issues if the person is later unable to
4 make medical decisions; and

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6 WHEREAS, it is estimated that less than fifteen per cent of
7 all adults in the United States have an advance health care
8 directive; and

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10 WHEREAS, individuals who are not able to make medical
11 decisions, and who previously did not make an advance health
12 care directive, effectively force their families into the
13 extremely difficult position of guessing what the individual's
14 wishes would be in making medical care decisions; and

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16 WHEREAS, ensuring that all adults in Hawaii have an advance
17 health care directive would provide greater certainty for
18 hospitals and other health care facilities regarding the
19 appropriate medical treatment of individuals consistent with
20 their preferences for end of life care and ensure their
21 preferences are honored; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that there is established
26 the advance health care directive working group; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the University
29 of Hawaii Elder Law Program is requested to serve as chairperson
30 of the working group and to invite the initial members to serve
31 on the working group, including one member from each of the
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- (1) The Judiciary;
- (2) The Department of Health;
- (3) The Department of the Attorney General;
- (4) The Executive Office on Aging;
- (5) The Hawaii State Bar Association;
- (6) A hospital in the State; and
- (7) A hospice in the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advance health care directive working group is requested to explore strategies and develop recommendations that would ensure that all adults execute and maintain in force an advance health care directive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advance health care directive working group is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the University of Hawaii Elder Law Program, the Chief Justice, the Director of Health, the Attorney General, the Executive Director of the Executive Office on Aging, and the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

OFFERED BY: 

