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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE ALL
ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVES CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN THE STATE,
INCLUDING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM, AND
PREPARE A PROGRESS REPORT ON EACH INITIATIVE.

1 WHEREAS, the State needs to improve oral health care, which
2 can result in improved health care and reduced health care costs
3 to the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, the State lacks a comprehensive oral health care
6 program; and

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8 WHEREAS, elements of a comprehensive program include
9 research, investigation, demonstration, public education,
10 training, statistical assessment, analysis of social
11 determinants, consensus building, peer review, gap analysis, and
12 strategic planning; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State has begun to leverage a Centers for
15 Disease Control (CDC) oral health disease prevention program
16 that has provided limited results, including data surveillance,
17 updated data gap assessment, a third grade oral health survey on
18 the use of sealants, establishment of an oral health care
19 advisory group, initial collaboration on other CDC dental
20 initiatives with community stakeholders, and continued
21 recruitment of a state dental director funded by the CDC grant;
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24 WHEREAS, while the CDC grant does provide useful assistance
25 to the State's oral health assessment and profile, its limited
26 focus does not provide sufficient funding to adequately assess
27 oral health; and

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29 WHEREAS, the CDC grant does not provide sufficient public
30 or private sector matching funds for the comprehensive approach
31 to oral health that the State urgently needs if it is to



1 adequately address the needs of its citizens, including all
2 children, vulnerable populations, and the traditionally
3 underserved; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
8 Health is requested to review and analyze all oral health
9 initiatives currently underway in the State, including the CDC
10 program, and prepare a progress report on each initiative; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
13 requested to report on the progress the Department has made in
14 the development of a comprehensive state oral health assessment;
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the oral health assessment
18 include the following activities:
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- 20 (1) Conduct research, investigations, experiments,
21 demonstrations, and studies relating to the incidence,
22 causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of dental
23 diseases;
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- 25 (2) Supervise, provide, and direct clinical dental health
26 services for adults and children in the State;
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- 28 (3) Develop and conduct a program of dental health
29 education of the public;
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- 31 (4) Provide information and education relating to dental
32 health to public health nurses, teachers, social
33 workers, and others who deal in a professional
34 capacity with the public through publications,
35 seminars, institutes, and other appropriate means;
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- 37 (5) Provide training for professional personnel to staff
38 state and local dental health programs;
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- 40 (6) Develop a comprehensive assessment of the State's
41 dental health status, including the capacity of
42 existing public and private infrastructure and health



1 care workforce; high performance computing and
2 statistical and geospatial analysis in order to assess
3 gaps between access to dental health care needs and
4 existing resources; identification and analysis of
5 social determinants of dental health status of
6 vulnerable populations; assurance that the community
7 representative sample will accurately determine dental
8 health status of vulnerable populations; access to
9 health care data, including dental care workforce
10 type, language, ethnicity, geographical distribution,
11 and participation in public programs; and assessment
12 of potential economic impact;

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14 (7) Develop and disseminate an assessment of its findings
15 at a large public convening with participation of
16 national experts to showcase existing innovative cost-
17 saving models being adopted in other parts of the
18 country; and

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20 (8) Develop a comprehensive consensus building process
21 with diverse stakeholders to formulate public policy
22 recommendations that ensure an inter-professional
23 approach and a broad representation and participation
24 of consumers, health care professionals, and dental
25 health community; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
28 requested to provide a comprehensive accounting of all the
29 public and private sector matching funds the State has received
30 in the oral health area as a result of the CDC grant or any
31 other municipal state, federal, or private sector oral health
32 program, grant, or other funding source; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
35 requested to report its findings and recommendations, including
36 the current status of the oral health assessment,
37 recommendations for comprehensive oral health policy
38 initiatives, and funding recommendations, to the Legislature no
39 later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2016; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY: John

