REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CREATE A USER-FRIENDLY WEB PORTAL FOR THE PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION FROM THE ANNUAL HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS IN HAWAII REPORT.

WHEREAS, healthcare-associated infections obtained while receiving medical treatment in a healthcare facility are a threat to patient safety; and

WHEREAS, hospital-acquired infections cause close to 100,000 deaths each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, on any given day about one in twenty-five hospital patients has at least one healthcare-associated infection; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of healthcare-associated infections to hospitals nationwide has been estimated at almost $33,000,000,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, each year the Department of Health publishes the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report that contains valuable information about how hospitals across the State are doing with regard to healthcare-associated infections; and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report is not easily accessible and the information in the report is not disseminated in a way that benefits patients; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a user-friendly web portal, established by the Department of Health, would make the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report available to the public and would help prevent healthcare-associated infections in the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Health is requested to create and maintain a public, online data portal of healthcare-associated infection data published annually in the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is requested to have the healthcare-associated infection portal accessible online, available to the public, and updated on an annual basis by January 1, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to providing all information from the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report, the information portal also enables users to:

(1) Search the database by type of infection to determine the prevalence of the infection in the State;

(2) Search the database by hospital to determine number of infections and hospital performance compared to national data; and

(3) Search for ways to prevent specific healthcare-associated infections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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