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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE A REPORT OF ALL
CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED CASES OF RAT LUNGWORM DISEASE THAT
ORIGINATED IN THE STATE AND SHARE RAT LUNGWORM DISEASE
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT WITH OTHER STATES.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature seeks information to better
2 address the recent outbreak of rat lungworm disease in Hawaii;
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5 WHEREAS, information on the prevalence of rat lungworm
6 disease in the State could help stem its spread, alert people to
7 potential threats of contracting rat lungworm disease, and
8 provide useful information on the disease; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature recommends that the Department of
11 Health investigate all confirmed and suspected cases of rat
12 lungworm disease that originated in Hawaii, including the cases
13 that involved visitors who returned to the continental United
14 States; and
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16 WHEREAS, the State has made significant scientific
17 discoveries relating to rat lungworm disease and the Legislature
18 recommends that the Department of Health provide guidance,
19 knowledge, and testing to inform and assist other states by
20 sharing best practices to treat rat lungworm disease; now,
21 therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
26 Health is requested to provide a report of all confirmed and
27 suspected cases of rat lungworm disease that originated in the
28 State and share information regarding diagnosis and effective
29 treatment of rat lungworm disease with other states; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
 2 requested to follow the recommendations of the Rat Lungworm
 3 Working Group at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K.
 4 Inouye College of Pharmacy, and provide a long-term follow up of
 5 rat lungworm disease patients; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a registry using de-identified
 8 data of all rat lungworm cases is requested to be established in
 9 consultation with the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School
 10 of Medicine to provide long-term follow up of rat lungworm
 11 disease patients' cases; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
 14 requested to submit a report of findings and recommendations,
 15 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
 16 than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 17 2019; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
 21 Dean of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of
 22 Medicine, Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and the
 23 President of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association.

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