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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CONVENE A HEALTH DATA SHARING WORKING GROUP TO ACCELERATE AND EXPAND THE SHARING OF REAL TIME HEALTH INFORMATION AMONG HEALTH CARE ENTITIES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the ability to securely  
2 and efficiently share patient health information electronically  
3 has become vitally important to improve health outcomes, reduce  
4 health care costs, and connect health care providers to enhance  
5 care coordination; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that there has been  
8 limited progress in linking the State's health care entities and  
9 that there is a great opportunity to address health equity and  
10 positively impact social determinants of health through the  
11 sharing of real time health data; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the available  
14 opportunities for federal funding on health care, such as the  
15 States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and  
16 Development Model grant, and sees the need to convene health  
17 care industry stakeholders to identify and evaluate federal  
18 funding programs to strengthen the health care system of the  
19 State; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the State can shape policies to ensure a  
22 prioritization of privacy and individual ownership of data,  
23 while aligning with national standards and a common set of  
24 policies, to improve the health outcomes of its residents; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and 2023  
27 wildfires in Maui underscore the need for a flexible delivery of  
28 health care that meets the needs of the State's most vulnerable  
29 and often isolated residents by leveraging the power of  
30 interconnected technology for timely and accurate data sharing  
31 to support emergency response efforts and public health  
32 interventions; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature also finds value in accelerating  
2 and expanding the types of health information shared among  
3 health care entities and government agencies in the State to  
4 improve health outcomes in local communities; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
8 that the State Health Planning and Development Agency of the  
9 Department of Health is requested to convene a health data  
10 sharing working group to accelerate and expand the sharing of  
11 real-time health information among health care entities and  
12 government agencies in the State; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consist of  
15 the following members:  
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- 17 (1) Administrator of the State Health Planning and  
18 Development Agency, who is requested to serve as the  
19 chairperson of the working group;  
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- 21 (2) A representative from the House of Representatives, to  
22 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives;  
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- 25 (3) A representative from the Senate, to be appointed by  
26 the President of the Senate;  
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- 28 (4) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;  
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- 30 (5) The Chief Information Officer or the Chief Information  
31 Officer's designee;  
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- 33 (6) The Administrator of the Med-QUEST division of the  
34 Department of Human Services or the Administrator's  
35 designee;  
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- 37 (7) The Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's  
38 designee; and  
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- 40 (8) The Administrator of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health  
41 Benefits Trust Fund or the Administrator's designee;  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator of the State Health Planning and Development Agency is requested to invite one representative from each of the following organizations to participate as a member of the working group:

- (1) Hawaii Health Information Exchange;
- (2) Hawaii Association of Health Plans;
- (3) Hawaii Medical Association; and
- (4) Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the majority of the working group members may invite other individuals with relevant knowledge and expertise, including representatives from state agencies, stakeholders, and experts, to be members of the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to:

- (1) Explore the development of a health data sharing standardization package that includes a universal data sharing agreement and common set of policies and procedures that will:
  - (A) Leverage and advance national standards for information sharing and data content; and
  - (B) Govern and require the sharing of health information among health care entities and government agencies in the State;
- (2) Identify health information data that should be shared for specific purposes between health care entities and government agencies;
- (3) Identify and propose solutions to gaps in the life cycle of health information, including gaps in any of the following:



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- (A) Health information creation, including the use of national standards in clinical documentation, health plan records, and social services data;
  - (B) Translation, mapping, controlled vocabularies, coding, and data classification; and
  - (C) Storage, maintenance, and management of health information;
- (4) Identify ways to incorporate the following into shared health information:
- (A) Data related to social determinants of health;
  - (B) Data related to underserved or underrepresented populations; and
  - (C) Relevant data on behavioral health and substance use disorder conditions;
- (5) Address the privacy, security, and equity risks of expanding care coordination, health information exchange, access, and telehealth in a dynamic technological, and entrepreneurial environment, where data and network security are under constant threat of attack;
- (6) Develop policies and procedures that are consistent with national standards and federally adopted standards in the exchange of health information;
- (7) Ensure that health information sharing broadly implements national frameworks and agreements that are consistent with federal rules and programs;
- (8) Develop definitions of complete clinical, administrative, and claims data that are consistent with federal policies and national standards;



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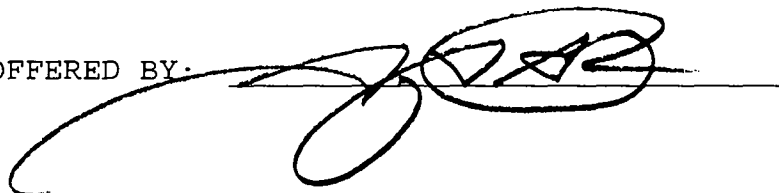
- 1           (9) Assess governance structures to help guide policy  
2            decisions and general oversight; and  
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- 4           (10) Identify federal, state, private, or philanthropic  
5            sources of funding that could support data access and  
6            exchange; and  
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8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
9           to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
10          including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
11          than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
12          of 2025; and  
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14          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved  
15          on June 30, 2025; and  
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17          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18          Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of  
19          Representatives; President of the Senate; Director of Health;  
20          Chief Information Officer; Administrator of the State Health  
21          Planning and Development Agency of the Department of Health;  
22          Administrator of the Med-QUEST division of the Department of  
23          Human Services; Insurance Commissioner; and Administrator of the  
24          Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefit's Trust Fund.  
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