
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO CONVENE A FOCUS GROUP WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO ASSESS YEARLY SERVICE DELIVERY NEEDS AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR KUPUNA CARE.

1 WHEREAS, in 1999, the Executive Office on Aging, in
2 partnership with county area agencies, launched the Kupuna Care
3 program to address the long-term care needs of the aging
4 population; and

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6 WHEREAS, Kupuna Care, designed to assist older adults
7 living independently, has proven to be very successful,
8 cost-effective, and in high demand; and

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10 WHEREAS, although the allocation for fiscal year 2005-2006
11 is able to meet the current demands, it is unlikely to meet
12 future demands due to increases in the cost of service delivery,
13 increases in cost of living and wages, increases in longevity of
14 the elderly population, and a decrease in voluntary
15 contributions to supplement static funding; and

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17 WHEREAS, as a first critical step to ensure an efficient
18 service delivery system, long-term strategic planning is needed
19 before embarking on service expansion for Kupuna Care; and

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21 WHEREAS, successful long-term strategic planning requires a
22 comprehensive review of state- and federally-funded service
23 delivery systems for the federal initiatives currently under
24 consideration for 2008, including budget reductions in funding
25 for state and community-based services; and

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27 WHEREAS, in order to forecast the need for caregiver
28 services on a state-wide basis, development of a
29 population-based needs assessment caregiver survey for each
30 county is essential; and

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1 WHEREAS, additionally, a strategic plan that integrates new
2 complementary services and methods of service delivery,
3 volunteer-based community organizations, and incentives for
4 providers and agencies that will stimulate competition is
5 imperative for successful service expansion; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
9 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Executive Office on
10 Aging is requested to convene a focus group with other
11 stakeholders to assess yearly service delivery needs and
12 long-term strategic planning for Kupuna care; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging
15 is requested to report findings and recommendations to the
16 Legislature twenty days before the convening of the Regular
17 Session 2007; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
21 Executive Office on Aging and the Director of Health.
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