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# 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 current demands, it is unlikely to meet future  
12 demands due to increases in the cost of service delivery, cost  
13 of living and wages, longevity of the elderly population, and a  
14 decrease in voluntary contributions to supplement static  
15 funding; and

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17 WHEREAS, critical steps to ensure an efficient service  
18 delivery system include long-term strategic planning as well as  
19 increased funding for the provision of current and needed Kupuna  
20 Care services; and

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

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



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 at least 20 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.

