
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS HAWAII TO
CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE MEANS TO ESTABLISH AN
"AGING IN PLACE" TAX CREDIT FOR HAWAII TAXPAYERS.

1 WHEREAS, between 1970 and 2000, the 60 years and over
2 population in Hawaii increased 207 percent, from 67,490
3 individuals to 207,001 individuals, while the total population
4 increased by only 57 percent; and

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6 WHEREAS, between 1970 and 2000, individuals over 75 years
7 of age increased by 415 percent and individuals over 85 years of
8 age increased by 482 percent; and

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10 WHEREAS, in 2000, individuals 60 years and over represented
11 17 percent of the total population; and

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13 WHEREAS, by 2020, it is estimated that individuals 60 years
14 and over will comprise 25 percent of Hawaii's total population;
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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii is experiencing an acute housing shortage;
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20 WHEREAS, in 2003, the occupancy rate for long-term care
21 facilities was 93 percent; and

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23 WHEREAS, in a recently completed poll of Hawaii residents
24 commissioned by the American Association of Retired Persons
25 (AARP) Hawaii, 80 percent of persons 18 years of age and older
26 said it is very important to be able to stay at home or "age in
27 place", for as long as possible and to receive long-term care
28 services in their home; and

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30 WHEREAS, the cost of home modifications to accommodate the
31 preference to age in place can be quite expensive and at times
32 cost prohibitive to those who need it the most; and



1 WHEREAS, a tax credit would greatly assist Hawaii's aging
2 population to age in place; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2006, that AARP Hawaii, with the assistance of the Department
7 of Taxation and the Executive Office on Aging, is requested to
8 conduct a study to determine the means to establish an "Aging in
9 Place Tax Credit"; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AARP Hawaii is requested to
12 report its findings and recommendations, and any proposed
13 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to
14 the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Taxation,
18 Director of the Executive Office on Aging, and State Director
19 and State President of AARP Hawaii.

