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## HOUSE 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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32           WHEREAS, additionally, a strategic plan that integrates new  
33 complementary services and methods of service delivery,  
34 volunteer-based community organizations, and incentives for



1 providers and agencies that will stimulate competition is  
2 imperative for successful service expansion; 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 the Executive Office on Aging is requested to  
7 convene a focus group with other stakeholders to assess yearly  
8 service delivery needs and long-term strategic planning for  
9 Kupuna care; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging  
12 is requested to report findings and recommendations to the  
13 Legislature twenty days before the convening of the Regular  
14 Session 2007; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Executive  
18 Office on Aging and the Director of Health.

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OFFERED BY:

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