
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 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

31 WHEREAS, additionally, a strategic plan that integrates new
32 complementary services and methods of service delivery,
33 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 at least 20 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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