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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT THE CURRENT RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM MODEL IS NOT DISMANTLED WITH THE PROPOSED QUEST EXPANDED ACCESS PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, in 1998, the State, through the use of case  
2 management agencies (CMAs), successfully expanded the  
3 Residential Alternative Community Care Program (RACC Program) to  
4 serve nursing facility level of care consumers in community care  
5 foster family homes; and  
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7           WHEREAS, from 1998 through February 2005, licensed CMAs  
8 developed over 800 community care foster family homes, presently  
9 serving over 1,200 nursing facility level of care consumers; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the RACC Program consists of a licensed CMA,  
12 coupled with a community care foster family home, to provide  
13 high-quality care at a significant cost savings to the State;  
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16           WHEREAS, consumers served in community care foster family  
17 homes benefit from the ongoing relationship developed between  
18 foster family homes and the CMA; and  
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20           WHEREAS, as a result of the RACC Program, various small  
21 businesses that positively contribute to the local economy were  
22 developed to serve Hawaii's aging population; and  
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24           WHEREAS, consumers benefit from having a choice of CMAs;  
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27           WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has  
28 proposed QUEST Expanded Access to serve the aged, blind, and  
29 disabled population through a Medicaid health maintenance  
30 organization, and now the RACC Program is at risk of being  
31 dismantled; and



1 WHEREAS, preliminary discussions with DHS indicate that DHS  
2 intends to allow a managing agency to also employ case managers,  
3 thereby allowing an inherent conflict of interest to exist when  
4 the payer of Medicaid services is also the provider of that  
5 service; and

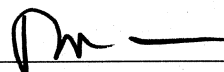
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7 WHEREAS, the State recognizes the unique model of the RACC  
8 Program, which has maximized the strengths of the local culture  
9 and which is at risk of being exploited by national corporate  
10 takeover; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
14 of 2006, that DHS is requested to ensure that the current RACC  
15 Program model is not dismantled in the transition to QUEST  
16 Expanded Access; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the  
19 preservation of the current RACC Program, which uses CMAs  
20 coupled with a community care foster family home, to create a  
21 nursing facility level of care choice for consumers who prefer  
22 residential alternatives to nursing home care; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.  
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