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# SENATE 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 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, critical steps to ensure an efficient service  
18 delivery system include long-term strategic planning and  
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, in order to forecast the need for caregiver  
29 services on a state-wide basis, development of a  
30 population-based needs assessment caregiver survey for each  
31 county is essential; and

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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 Senate of the Twenty-third  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Executive Office  
10 on 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 twenty 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.

