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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM CARE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN  
FOR HAWAII TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE SUPPORTING AGING  
IN PLACE.

1           WHEREAS, compared to the total population in Hawaii, the  
2 number of elderly increased by eleven percent in 2005, and will  
3 increase by twenty-two percent annually by 2030, with the number  
4 of those over sixty-five years of age increasing from 130,000 in  
5 2005 to over 275,000 in 2030; and

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7           WHEREAS, while agreeable living accommodations and physical  
8 surroundings are necessary for the well-being of all people,  
9 they are even more important to the elderly whose abodes are the  
10 center of virtually all of their activities; and

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12           WHEREAS, the impact of moving to an institutionalized  
13 setting is significant and can adversely affect the older  
14 adult's quality of life; and

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16           WHEREAS, elders, when surveyed, indicate a preference for  
17 receiving services at home or in a home-like setting, and the  
18 cost of providing care and assistance is lower the closer it is  
19 to home or in a home-like setting; and

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21           WHEREAS, the practice of facilitating aging in place is  
22 part of an evolving continuum of care for the elderly that  
23 attempts to keep the well elderly living in the community for as  
24 long as possible before resorting to institutional services; and

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26           WHEREAS, the long-term care infrastructure in the State,  
27 such as skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care  
28 facilities, care homes, adult foster family homes, assisted  
29 living facilities, retirement residential living, home services,  
30 and other basic services, is not growing fast enough to keep  
31 pace with the growing needs of the elderly in our communities;  
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1 WHEREAS, the various county building and fire codes  
2 throughout the State are fragmented; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
7 Health's Office of Health Care Assurance and the Department of  
8 Human Services' Adult and Community Care Services Branch are  
9 requested to convene a task force of stakeholders to develop a  
10 long-term care infrastructure plan for Hawaii to ensure public  
11 safety while supporting aging in place; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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15 (1) Review current Department of Health and Department of  
16 Human Services regulations regarding, but not limited  
17 to, structural compliance, quality of care, and  
18 quality of life with regard to the elderly;
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20 (2) Focus on the balance between allowing aging in place  
21 and the State's responsibility to ensure that the  
22 safety of residents and their quality of care are not  
23 compromised; and
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25 (3) Attempt to identify inconsistencies, disparities, and  
26 non-uniformity in laws and regulations at the state  
27 and county levels of government, including current  
28 county building and fire codes, within the context of  
29 how they do or do not contribute materially to the  
30 public policy standards of resident safety and quality  
31 of care; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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35 (1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and  
36 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,  
37 to the Legislature at least twenty days prior to the  
38 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and
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40 (2) Submit its final report of its findings and  
41 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,  
42 to the Legislature at least twenty days prior to the  
43 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the mayors  
3 of each county, the chairpersons of the respective county  
4 councils, the Director of Health, the Director of Human  
5 Services, the Executive Director of the Executive Office on  
6 Aging, the Hawaii Long-Term Care Association, the Healthcare  
7 Association of Hawaii, the Maui Long-Term Care Partnership, the  
8 Alliance of Residential Care Administrators, the Adult Foster  
10 Home Association of Hawaii, and Assisted Living Options Hawaii.

