
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S CENTER ON
AGING, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, persons sixty-five years of age and older are the
2 fastest growing segment of the nation's population; and

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4 WHEREAS, the life expectancy of older adults in Hawaii is
5 higher than all other states in the nation; and

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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the fastest growing aging population,
8 with a percentage increase of two hundred per cent between 1970
9 and 2000, while the national older adult population increased by
10 only fifty per cent for the same time period; and

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12 WHEREAS, the older adult population in Hawaii is the most
13 ethnically and culturally diverse in the nation; and

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15 WHEREAS, population aging has many important socio-economic
16 and health consequences, resulting in the need for research in
17 such areas as pension systems, health care delivery systems, and
18 social service delivery programs; and

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20 WHEREAS, the demand for specialized services for the aged
21 will continue to grow at health facilities, mental health
22 agencies, social service agencies, community centers,
23 correctional centers, educational organizations, and others; and

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25 WHEREAS, middle-aged and older adults should be regarded as
26 societal assets that are often untapped in areas of volunteerism
27 and community service; and

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29 WHEREAS, the provision of quality services to older adults
30 requires specialized knowledge and skills in gerontology; and

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32 WHEREAS, gerontology is a field requiring multiple
33 disciplines, including but not limited to, social work,
34 medicine, public health, law, and nursing; and



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2 WHEREAS, the need for gerontological workers will increase
3 over the next decade, creating an acute shortage; and

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5 WHEREAS, the existing shortage of social workers in the
6 State will be exacerbated by the needs of Hawaii's aging
7 population; and

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9 WHEREAS, the mission of the University of Hawaii's Center
10 on Aging, Research, and Education is to carry out research,
11 instruction, and community service projects in the area of aging
12 for the State and the nation, and to make its gerontological
13 knowledge and resources available to the community, the State,
14 and the Pacific-Asia region; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Center on Aging, Research, and Education began
17 with a budget of \$250,000 in 1988, which was reduced to \$36,000
18 in 1994, limiting its opportunities for research, instruction,
19 and service; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Center on Aging, Research, and Education
22 requires at least five staff positions assigned to it in order
23 to adequately fulfill its mission; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
28 Hawaii is requested to provide funding to support five faculty
29 staff positions at the Center on Aging, Research, and Education;
30 and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
34 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the President of the
35 University of Hawaii, and the Interim Chancellor of the
36 University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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