

MAR 15 2006

---

---

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES'S VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION  
AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND DIVISION.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is charged with  
2 the responsibility of providing vocational rehabilitation  
3 services for blind and handicapped persons in accordance with  
4 the federal Vocational Rehabilitation Act and the Randolph-  
5 Sheppard Act under sections 347-4 and 348-3, Hawaii Revised  
6 Statutes; and

7  
8           WHEREAS, these vocational rehabilitation services are  
9 extensive and are delineated in section 348-2, Hawaii Revised  
10 Statutes; and

11  
12           WHEREAS, the Division has been the subject of numerous  
13 complaints, including complaints from a number of organizations  
14 servicing the blind community about arbitrary decision-making by  
15 the administrator and the use of funds for inappropriate  
16 purposes; and

17  
18           WHEREAS, the Division has experienced a very high level of  
19 turnover, especially during the past five years; now, therefore,  
20

21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
24 requested to perform a management audit of the Vocational  
25 Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division of the  
26 Department of Human Services; and

27  
28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
29 include in the management audit:

- 30  
31           (1) An assessment of management practices utilized by the  
32 Division to provide vocational rehabilitation services  
33 and to manage its personnel;



- 1 (2) An evaluation as to whether the Division expends the
- 2 funds available to it in an efficient and cost-
- 3 effective manner;
- 4
- 5 (3) An evaluation of the Division's internal budgeting and
- 6 fiscal controls and whether those controls ensure the
- 7 effective and appropriate expenditure of legislative
- 8 appropriations and federal funds;
- 9
- 10 (4) An assessment of the Division's decision-making
- 11 procedures; and
- 12
- 13 (5) A description of the organizational structure of the
- 14 Division, including programs, personnel practices,
- 15 staffing coverage, and facilities;
- 16

17 and

18  
19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
20 report findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later  
21 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
22 of 2007; and

23  
24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
26 Director of Human Services, the Administrator of the Vocational  
27 Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division, and the  
28 Auditor.

29  
30  
31

OFFERED BY:                     *Carol Johnson*  
*Rosely H Baker*  
*Theranne Chun Akiland*

