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S.R. NO. 68

# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF HAWAII MAINTAIN PRESENT STANDARDS  
IN REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE BLIND.

1 WHEREAS, Federal regulations have reorganized  
2 rehabilitation services so as to abolish Divisions for the  
3 Blind, which are a long-standing tradition; and  
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5 WHEREAS, special services for the blind were established  
6 because blind people have unique needs and because the blind are  
7 a small minority of the disabled population, and thus  
8 specialized services should be required in order that blind  
9 people be adequately served; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii, like other forward-thinking states, has  
12 maintained special rehabilitation services for the blind; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the nation's blind are realistically fearful that  
15 rehabilitation services will become far less effective under the  
16 revised federal regulations; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
20 that the State of Hawaii continue to maintain present standards  
21 in rehabilitation services for the blind so that the blind are  
22 not thrust aside; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of  
26 Hawaii, to the Director of Human Services, and to each member of  
27 the Hawaii State Legislature.  
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