
SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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 the
13 deaf; and
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15 WHEREAS, the rehabilitation services for the blind and the
16 deaf were established in order to empower people with
17 disabilities; and
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19 WHEREAS, the nation's blind and deaf are realistically
20 fearful that rehabilitation services will become far less
21 effective under the revised federal regulations; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
25 that the State of Hawaii continue to maintain present standards
26 in rehabilitation services so that the blind and the deaf are
27 not thrust aside; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of
31 Hawaii, to the Director of Human Services, and to each member of
32 the Hawaii State Legislature.

