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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING LEAHI HOSPITAL TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN AND FINANCIAL
FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR ITS EXISTING CAMPUS THAT WILL TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF ITS UNIQUE LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS IN EAST
HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, as Hawaii's population ages and its social,
2 economic, and health conditions change, the need for more long-
3 term care alternatives that are accessible, affordable, and
4 comprehensive persists; and

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6 WHEREAS, the existing long-term care infrastructure does
7 not adequately support current needs, and with the aging of the
8 State's "baby boomer" population, the need to establish
9 additional long-term care resources is imperative; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State is lagging behind in support systems
12 that accommodate Hawaii's frail elders as geographic, social,
13 economic, and cultural barriers leave a large number of elder
14 and disabled persons without adequate support; and

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16 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the State develop and find
17 new ways to bring care to the frailest residents through direct
18 care and support in innovative programs; and

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20 WHEREAS, faced with a rapidly growing elder population in
21 Hawaii, an acute shortage of nursing home beds, and the rising
22 cost of long-term care, an infrastructure needs to be created
23 that will facilitate an alternative community-based program that
24 is comprehensive, prevents institutionalization, and contains
25 long-term care costs; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
29 that Leahi Hospital is requested to develop a master plan and
30 financial feasibility report for its existing campus that will
31 take advantage of its unique location and relationships in East
32 Honolulu; and

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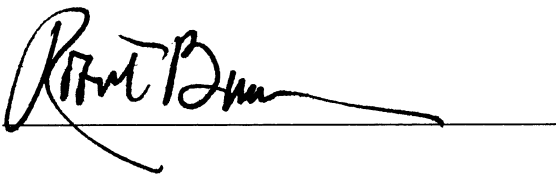


1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
2 the master plan facilitate Leahi's long-term vision as a
3 geriatric center of excellence, incorporating other
4 complementary services and medical training partnerships, and
5 include:

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- 7 (1) Specific needs assessment for elderly care services in
- 8 the community;
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- 10 (2) Market analysis to determine population size, need,
- 11 and financial viability;
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- 13 (3) State of the art facility and campus design that will
- 14 improve efficiency and quality of care;
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- 16 (4) Technical assistance from various elder care
- 17 organizations to validate and support its vision;
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- 19 (5) A work plan to identify and establish collaborative
- 20 relationships with other health care providers and
- 21 health care systems in support of geriatric care; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Leahi Hospital is requested to
24 submit the proposed master plan and financial feasibility report
25 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
26 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of
30 Leahi Hospital, the President of the Hawaii Health Systems
31 Corporation, and the Director of Health.

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33 OFFERED BY: 
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