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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM CARE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN  
FOR HAWAII TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE SUPPORTING AGING  
IN PLACE.

1           WHEREAS, compared to the total population in Hawaii, the  
2 number of elderly increased by eleven percent in 2005, and will  
3 increase by twenty-two percent annually by 2030, with the number  
4 of those over sixty-five years of age increasing from 130,000 in  
5 2005 to over 275,000 in 2030; and

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7           WHEREAS, while agreeable living accommodations and physical  
8 surroundings are necessary for the well-being of all people,  
9 they are even more important to the elderly whose abodes are the  
10 center of virtually all of their activities; and

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12           WHEREAS, the impact of moving to an institutionalized  
13 setting is significant and can adversely affect the older  
14 adult's quality of life; and

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16           WHEREAS, elders, when surveyed, indicate a preference for  
17 receiving services at home or in a home-like setting, and the  
18 cost of providing care and assistance is lower the closer it is  
19 to home or in a home-like setting; and

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21           WHEREAS, the practice of facilitating aging in place is  
22 part of an evolving continuum of care for the elderly that  
23 attempts to keep the well elderly living in the community for as  
24 long as possible before resorting to institutional services; and

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26           WHEREAS, the long-term care infrastructure in the State,  
27 such as skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care  
28 facilities, care homes, adult foster family homes, assisted  
29 living facilities, retirement residential living, home services,  
30 and other basic services, is not growing fast enough to keep  
31 pace with the growing needs of the elderly in our communities;  
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34           WHEREAS, the various county building and fire codes  
35 throughout the State are fragmented; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
 3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
 4 that the Department of Health's Office of Health Care Assurance  
 5 and the Department of Human Services' Adult and Community Care  
 6 Services Branch are requested to convene a task force of  
 7 stakeholders to develop a long-term care infrastructure plan for  
 8 Hawaii to ensure public safety while supporting aging in place;  
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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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 13 (1) Review current Department of Health and Department of  
 14 Human Services regulations regarding, but not limited  
 15 to, structural compliance, quality of care, and  
 16 quality of life with regard to the elderly;  
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 18 (2) Focus on the balance between allowing aging in place  
 19 and the State's responsibility to ensure that the  
 20 safety of residents and their quality of care are not  
 21 compromised; and  
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 23 (3) Attempt to identify inconsistencies, disparities, and  
 24 non-uniformity in laws and regulations at the state  
 25 and county levels of government, including current  
 26 county building and fire codes, within the context of  
 27 how they do or do not contribute materially to the  
 28 public policy standards of resident safety and quality  
 29 of care; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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 33 (1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and  
 34 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,  
 35 to the Legislature at least twenty days prior to the  
 36 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and  
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 38 (2) Submit its final report of its findings and  
 39 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,  
 40 to the Legislature at least twenty days prior to the  
 41 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and  
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 44 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the mayors of each



1 county, the chairpersons of the respective county councils, the  
2 Director of Health, the Director of Human Services, the  
3 Executive Director of the Executive Office on Aging, the Hawaii  
4 Long-Term Care Association, the Healthcare Association of  
5 Hawaii, the Maui Long-Term Care Partnership, the Alliance of  
6 Residential Care Administrators, the Adult Foster Home  
7 Association of Hawaii, and Assisted Living Options Hawaii.

