
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONSIDER INTERNAL
MECHANISMS FOR IMPROVING ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WITHOUT
LEGISLATION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's disabled and elderly adults are some of
2 the most vulnerable individuals in the state; and
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4 WHEREAS, this population is highly susceptible to physical
5 abuse and financial and economic exploitation, recently
6 demonstrated in Hawaii, as cases of fraud and abuse have
7 escalated; and
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9 WHEREAS, while all of Hawaii's people are prone to physical
10 abuse and financial exploitation, the disabled and elderly are
11 often less able to protect themselves, requiring assistance from
12 others; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (DHS), Adult
15 Protective Services (APS), is responsible for receiving and
16 investigating reports of abuse on adults who are dependent on
17 another person, organization, or facility because of mental or
18 physical impairment; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Legislature has considered proposals to expand
21 the scope of APS to include all vulnerable adults, including the
22 elderly; and
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24 WHEREAS, APS should also be expanded to include
25 investigations of financial and economic exploitation, a growing
26 concern in society today; and
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28 WHEREAS, regardless of whether legislation is passed during
29 the Regular Session of 2007, DHS should consider ways that APS
30 can be improved; now, therefore,
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.

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