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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF  
ARCHITECTS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF FAMILY CAREGIVING NEEDS  
IN THE DESIGN OF NEW RESIDENCES.

1 WHEREAS, family caregiving has always been a universal  
2 experience of all ethnicities, lifestyles, and income levels;  
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5 WHEREAS, due to a shortage of care providers in Hawaii,  
6 family caregiving has become a critical element of our health  
7 and long-term care system; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the need for personal care assistance due to  
10 physical, sensory, cognitive, and self-care disabilities  
11 increases with age; and  
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13 WHEREAS, by 2020, more than one in four individuals are  
14 expected to be sixty years of age or older; and  
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16 WHEREAS, as Hawaii's population ages, many more families  
17 will be providing higher levels of long-term care to frail and  
18 disabled older adults at home; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the design of a residence can enhance or impede  
21 the independence and mobility of its occupants as they age; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the design of a residence can also enhance or  
24 impede a family caregiver's capacity to provide assistance to  
25 frail and disabled older adults at home; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the National Academy of Science has recommended  
28 that professional training in architecture include information  
29 on the range of capabilities and limitations of the aging  
30 population so that these factors can be incorporated into  
31 designs; and  
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33 WHEREAS, certain physical attributes of housing can support  
34 therapeutic activities and aging-in-place, such as the basic  
35 partitioning of the building; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Council of the American Institute  
3 of Architects should promote awareness of family caregiving  
4 needs in the design of new residences; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
8 Session of 2007, that the Hawaii State Council of the American  
9 Institute of Architects is requested to promote awareness of  
10 family caregiving needs in the design of new residences; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii State  
14 Council of the American Institute of Architects; and the Dean of  
15 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, School of Architecture.

