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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EVALUATE THE VISITING  
HOURS PRACTICES OF HAWAII'S ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's residents are frequently blessed with  
2 long lives; and  
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4 WHEREAS, adult children of aging seniors are often unable  
5 to care for their parents due to their own occupational or  
6 familial obligations; and  
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8 WHEREAS, this unfortunately means that, increasingly, the  
9 golden years of our seniors must be spent in adult residential  
10 care homes; and  
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12 WHEREAS, a key element of a senior's ability to live  
13 comfortably and enjoyably in a managed care setting is the  
14 access they have to family members who are able to visit; and  
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16 WHEREAS, working individuals are often unable to visit  
17 their aging parents and other elderly family members during  
18 normal daytime hours and are sometimes prohibited from visiting  
19 during evenings; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
23 Session of 2007, that the Department of Health is requested to  
24 evaluate the practices of Hawaii's adult residential care homes  
25 with regard to visiting hours, and make recommendations on how  
26 relatives of care home residents may be granted greater  
27 flexibility in visitation; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Department of Health is  
30 requested to report its findings, including any necessary  
31 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
32 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and the  
3 Director of the Executive Office on Aging.  
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