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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM AUDIT
OF HAWAII'S INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
2 as amended, provides enabling legislation for the establishment
3 of a network of independent living centers for persons with
4 disabilities in the United States; and
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6 WHEREAS, independent living centers are consumer-
7 controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential,
8 private nonprofit agencies that aim to maximize the independence
9 of individuals with disabilities and promote their integration
10 into the mainstream of American society; and
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12 WHEREAS, the core required minimum services of an
13 independent living center are information and referral,
14 independent living skills training, peer counseling, and
15 advocacy; and
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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii Centers for Independent Living receives
18 significant federal Rehabilitation Act funds and state general
19 funds; and
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii Centers for Independent Living has had a
22 high staff turnover and an exodus of board members within the
23 past four years resulting in a lack of continuity of services;
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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned as to whether Hawaii
27 Centers for Independent Living is meeting its core function; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned as to whether
30 independent living services are available to the full spectrum
31 of persons with disabilities; now, therefore,
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By Request