

JAN 23 2008

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A COLLABORATIVE STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIENCIES IN THE ACCESSIBILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR SENIORS, VETERANS, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, certain public policy changes must be made to
2 address infrastructure deficiencies in the State of Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, among the infrastructure deficiencies of great
5 concern are the deficiencies in the availability and
6 accessibility of care facilities and services for certain
7 populations, including seniors, veterans, and persons with
8 disabilities; and
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10 WHEREAS, senior and disability advocates have called for a
11 shift in government emphasis from institutional to home- and
12 community-based services; and
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14 WHEREAS, a comprehensive needs assessment study must be
15 conducted to identify the various areas where necessary
16 infrastructure changes may be made; and
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18 WHEREAS, the purpose of this Concurrent Resolution is to
19 effectuate the recommendations of the Maui Health Initiative
20 Task Force established pursuant to Act 219, Session Laws of
21 Hawaii 2007; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Executive Office
26 on Aging shall lead a project, together with the Departments of
27 Health and Human Services, to conduct a comprehensive and
28 collaborative study to determine the feasibility and through
29 what methods the State may accomplish the following goals:



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2 (1) Increase the number of available long-term care
3 facility beds;
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5 (2) Increase the number of available nursing home beds;
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7 (3) Provide additional tax credit and real property
8 program incentives for private sector partnerships to
9 develop alternative long-term care facilities;
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11 (4) Assess funding needs at the Sunrise and Lokelani Ohana
12 programs for individuals with disabilities;
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14 (5) Develop and fund a sixty-bed veterans skilled care
15 facility with an in-patient psychiatric unit to offer
16 assessment and services;
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18 (6) Develop and fund a geriatric psychiatric unit or
19 specialty group home;
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21 (7) Develop and fund affordable housing units for low- and
22 middle- income seniors and individuals with
23 disabilities;
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25 (8) Develop legislation based on the concept of a home-
26 and community- based services index that would adjust
27 annual human services funding in response to certain
28 fluctuations in the senior and disability populations;
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31 (9) Together with the Hawaii delegation to the United
32 States Congress, rectify medicaid reimbursement
33 shortfalls by seeking frontier differential rates; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging
36 shall submit a report to the Legislature, including its
37 findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, no
38 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
39 session of 2009; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
3 Executive Office on Aging, the Director of Health, and the
4 Director of Human Services.
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