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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAUI HEALTH INITIATIVE TASK FORCE AND MAUI LONG TERM CARE PARTNERSHIP TO SUBMIT THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LONG TERM CARE COMMISSION TO IMPROVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR OLDER PERSONS, 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 of all ages; and  
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10 WHEREAS, senior, veteran, and disability advocates have  
11 called for a shift in government emphasis from institutional to  
12 home- and community-based services; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Maui Health Initiative Task Force and Maui  
15 Long Term Care Partnership have conducted a comprehensive needs  
16 assessment study for Maui County and have developed  
17 recommendations that have applicability statewide; now,  
18 therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the purpose of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution is to support the efforts of the Maui  
24 Health Initiative Task Force and the Maui Long Term Care  
25 Partnership, and request that they submit the recommendations  
26 resulting from their comprehensive needs assessment to the Long  
27 Term Care Commission no later than November 1, 2008, to develop  
28 a home- and community-based model of services for Hawaii; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maui Health Initiative Task  
2 Force and Maui Long Term Care Partnership submit in their report  
3 to the Long Term Care Commission their recommendations to:  
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- 5 (1) Increase the number of available long-term care  
6 facility beds;  
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- 8 (2) Increase the number of available nursing home beds;  
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- 10 (3) Provide additional tax credit and real property  
11 program incentives for private sector partnerships to  
12 develop alternative long-term care facilities;  
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- 14 (4) Assess funding needs at the Sunrise and Lokelani Ohana  
15 programs for individuals with disabilities;  
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- 17 (5) Develop and fund a sixty-bed veterans skilled care  
18 facility with an in-patient psychiatric unit to offer  
19 assessment and services;  
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- 21 (6) Develop and fund a geriatric psychiatric unit or  
22 specialty group home;  
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- 24 (7) Develop and fund affordable housing units for low- and  
25 middle-income seniors and individuals with  
26 disabilities;  
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- 28 (8) Develop legislation based on the concept of a home-  
29 and community-based services index that would adjust  
30 annual human services funding in response to certain  
31 fluctuations in the senior and disability populations;  
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- 33 (9) Together with the Hawaii delegation to the United  
34 States Congress, rectify medicaid reimbursement  
35 shortfalls by seeking frontier differential rates;  
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- 37 (10) Address workforce shortfalls by establishing critical  
38 long-term care pay differentials;  
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- 40 (11) Develop the Maui community volunteer "care corps" tax  
41 credit proposal;  
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- 1 (12) Establish and fund a physician recruitment and  
2 retention task force to complete a "fifty state  
3 comparative study" to identify solutions for Hawaii;  
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- 5 (13) Replicate the Maui "care corps" model within other  
6 communities throughout the State;  
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- 8 (14) Establish a tax credit for individuals caring for  
9 senior family members at home;  
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- 11 (15) Establish and fund low-interest state revolving fund  
12 retrofit loans to modernize nursing home facilities,  
13 and support alternative care providers such as  
14 residential alternative community care, adult  
15 residential care homes, and assisted living  
16 facilities;  
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- 18 (16) Establish and fund home modification counseling  
19 programs that would offer low-interest retrofit loans  
20 and grants for homeowners;  
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- 22 (17) Establish uniform regulations and licensing procedures  
23 for home- and community-based service programs under  
24 the Department of Human Services;  
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- 26 (18) Assess the funding needs of the Maui Long Term Care  
27 Partnership's "saving for aging" public awareness  
28 campaign that increases public awareness of the  
29 difficulty in qualifying for medicaid and the  
30 importance of personal financial planning for long-  
31 term care;  
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- 33 (19) Expand and fund the Hana Aging in Place Retrofit  
34 Project as a county model for the prevention of falls  
35 among seniors;  
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- 37 (20) Assess the funding needs of the Department of Health's  
38 public awareness campaigns concerning disease and  
39 injury prevention services;  
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- 41 (21) Increase the number and type of alternative and  
42 complementary medicine options offered within Hawaii's  
43 health care system through reimbursements and  
44 privileges at all health care facilities;



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- 2 (22) Establish a center on aging at Maui Community College
- 3 to conduct research, education and training, policy
- 4 development, and advocacy;
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- 6 (23) Establish and fund a medical residency program for
- 7 Maui county;
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- 9 (24) Expand and fund the newly established education and
- 10 training curriculum at Maui Community College;
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- 12 (25) Allocate Department of Human Services nurse case
- 13 management fees to assisted living facilities that
- 14 employ registered nurses;
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- 16 (26) Permit nursing delegation in nursing facilities as is
- 17 currently done in home and community care settings;
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- 19 (27) Expand oral care services;
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- 21 (28) Establish a pilot central Maui "greenhouse" program to
- 22 support the development of "greenhouses" and
- 23 "greenhouse culture"; and
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- 25 (29) Adopt terms and definitions related to home- and
- 26 community-based services and long-term care in the
- 27 Hawaii health performance plan; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
31 Executive Office on Aging, the Director of Health, the Director  
32 of Human Services, the Director of Labor and Industrial  
33 Relations, the Director of the University of Hawaii Center on  
34 the Family, the Director of the University of Hawaii Center on  
35 Aging, the University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies,  
36 and the Director of the Hawaii Office of Veterans Services.

