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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, IN COLLABORATION WITH PAPA OLA LOKAHI AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH, TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE LONG TERM HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN POPULATION.

1           WHEREAS, over the next 20 years, the number of Hawaii  
2 residents age 65 and older will nearly double from 184,000 to  
3 about 327,000 people - from about 14 percent today to more than  
4 22 percent of the state's total population in 2030; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the aging of Hawaii's population is especially  
7 sobering given the corresponding ten percent decline in the  
8 number of residents age 50 to 64, the age group from which the  
9 largest number of family caregivers is currently derived; and  
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11           WHEREAS, family caregivers provide the bulk of long-term  
12 care services in Hawaii, including critical support services  
13 such as bathing and meal preparation in the home, and they delay  
14 or prevent the need for prohibitively expensive nursing home  
15 care; and  
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17           WHEREAS, Hawaii's family caregivers provide unpaid care  
18 conservatively estimated at \$1.45 billion per year - but their  
19 ability to continue providing this level of care in the years  
20 ahead is unsustainable in the absence of long-term care reform;  
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23           WHEREAS, the passage of Act 224 in 2008 established a Long  
24 Term Care Commission to research the resources necessary to meet  
25 Hawaii's long-term care public policy goals and to recommend  
26 options for system reform; and  
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28           WHEREAS, widespread confusion about the cost of care and  
29 available service options make long-term care reform vital to



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1 the future of Hawaii because many people mistakenly think the  
 2 government, through Medicare, pays more than it does, and  
 3 because relatively few people have private insurance that covers  
 4 the cost of care; and

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 6 WHEREAS, the Long Term Care Commission is expected to  
 7 present recommended reforms to the state legislature in 2012 in  
 8 the areas of support service infrastructure, administration,  
 9 workforce development, and financing; now, therefore,

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 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 12 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 13 of 2010, that this body urges the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, in  
 14 collaboration with Papa Ola Lakahi and the University of Hawaii  
 15 Department of Native Hawaiian Health, to develop a strategy to  
 16 address the long term healthcare needs of the Native Hawaiian  
 17 population; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 20 resolution be sent to the Governor, Director of Health, Director  
 21 of Human Services; Chairperson and members of the Board of  
 22 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Chairperson of the  
 23 Long-Term Care Commission, Executive Director of Papa Ola  
 24 Lokahi, Executive Director of Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Executive  
 25 Director of 'Ahahui O Na Kauka, Dean of the University of Hawaii  
 26 John A. Burns School of Medicine, and Dean of the University of  
 27 Hawaii Department of Native Hawaiian Health.

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