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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING IN PLACE TO CONTINUE TO MEET AND CARRY OUT THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

1           WHEREAS, the Joint Legislative Committee on Family  
2 Caregiving was established by Act 285, Session Laws of Hawaii  
3 2006, for the purpose of developing a comprehensive public  
4 policy to strengthen support for family caregivers who provide  
5 unpaid, informal assistance to persons age sixty and older with  
6 physical or cognitive disabilities; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the committee was directed to consider providing  
9 support in categories including but not limited to coordinated  
10 services and policies, training and education, respite services,  
11 financial incentives, and balancing work and caregiving; and  
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13           WHEREAS, Act 285, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, also  
14 required the committee to submit its findings and  
15 recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days  
16 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2007; and  
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18           WHEREAS, in the fall of 2006, the committee held numerous  
19 meetings and submitted a special committee report to the  
20 legislature, which outlined its proposal for the establishment  
21 of a comprehensive and sustainable community-based family  
22 caregiver support system that will maximize resources in all  
23 communities; and  
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25           WHEREAS, in 2007, the Legislature found that it was still  
26 necessary to gather more information on family caregiving, to  
27 enable the State to apply resources and services in a more  
28 effective manner; and  
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1 WHEREAS, in 2007, the Legislature also recognized that  
2 grandparents who are caregivers for their grandchildren  
3 experience similar support needs and caregiving costs as do  
4 family caregivers for older adults, and that the National Family  
5 Caregiver Support Program under the reauthorized Older Americans  
6 Act includes grandparents of grandchildren age eighteen years  
7 and younger or nineteen years of age or older with physical and  
8 cognitive limitations; and  
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10 WHEREAS, Act 204, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, expanded the  
11 mandate of the joint legislative committee by amending the  
12 definition of "family caregiver" to include non-relatives who  
13 provide unpaid, informal assistance to persons age sixty and  
14 older with physical or cognitive disabilities, and grandparents  
15 who are caregivers for grandchildren who are eighteen years of  
16 age or younger, or who are nineteen years of age or older with  
17 physical or cognitive limitations; and  
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19 WHEREAS, during the 2007 interim, the committee examined  
20 localized studies and surveys, some of which contained  
21 preliminary results, which provided concrete evidence of the  
22 needs of family caregivers, and the committee studied what other  
23 states have done and are doing in response to the growing  
24 concern regarding eldercare issues; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognized that the committee  
27 needed more time to complete its work, and in Act 220, Session  
28 Laws of Hawaii 2008, extended the term of the committee to June  
29 30, 2010, and changed the name of the committee to the Joint  
30 Legislative Committee on Aging in Place; and  
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32 WHEREAS, during the 2009 interim, the committee continued  
33 to gather information in areas that advance family caregiver  
34 support and improve conditions for enabling elders to age in  
35 place; and  
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37 WHEREAS, on January 25, 2010, the Joint Legislative  
38 Committee on Aging in Place submitted a report to the  
39 Legislature, which contained findings and recommendations in the  
40 areas of interest to the committee, including the Kupuna Care  
41 and Preservation of the Safety Net, Aging and Disability  
42 Resource Center, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Home for  
43 Life Task Force, Home Care Concierge Service, Fall Prevention,



1 Home Care Agency Licensure, University of Hawaii Center on  
2 Aging, and Long Term Care Commission; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the current fiscal constraints on the State have  
5 caused the committee to defer a number of its recommendations,  
6 including the following: providing additional funding for the  
7 Kupuna Care Program, Aging and Disability Resource Center,  
8 University of Hawaii Center on Aging, Sage PLUS for the neighbor  
9 islands, and cash and counseling model; providing new funding  
10 for a respite care directory, caregiver assistance, and home  
11 modification tax credits; and providing a funding mechanism to  
12 expand the paid family leave program to include family  
13 caregivers; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place  
16 continues to monitor progress on its areas of interest and the  
17 legislation it has proposed; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging is  
20 scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2010; and  
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22 WHEREAS, to accomplish the purpose for which it was  
23 established, it is important that the members of the committee  
24 continue to meet beyond the date on which it is set to end; now,  
25 therefore,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the President of the Senate  
30 and Speaker of the House of Representatives are requested to  
31 authorize the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place to  
32 continue to meet until June 30, 2012; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate and  
35 Speaker of the House of Representatives are urged to request  
36 that the members of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in  
37 Place submit any additional findings and recommendations to the  
38 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
39 the regular sessions of 2011 and 2012, respectively; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the  
42 Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, the  
43 Department of Taxation, the University of Hawaii, the Executive  
44 Office on Aging, and the elderly, disability, business, and



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1 faith communities, to continue to assist the members of the  
 2 joint legislative committee in its efforts to continue the work  
 3 mandated by Act 285, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, as amended;  
 4 and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
 8 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, members of the  
 9 Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place, the Director of  
 10 Health, Director of Human Services, Director of Taxation, the  
 11 President of the University of Hawaii, and the Director of the  
 12 Executive Office on Aging.

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