
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS AND RECOGNIZING THEIR ROLE IN MAINTAINING
THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF HAWAII'S FRAIL AND VULNERABLE
POPULATION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is faced with enormous problems related to
2 the delivery of long-term care services to its rapidly growing
3 elderly and disabled population. Those eighty-five years of age
4 and older are in the fastest growing age group among Hawaii's
5 elderly and they are also at the greatest risk of developing
6 physical frailty and financial vulnerability and requiring
7 hospitalization and long-term care services; and
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9 WHEREAS, community-based caregivers administering adult
10 residential care homes and adult foster homes provide a much
11 needed service within Hawaii's acute and long-term care delivery
12 systems to Hawaii's Medicaid program and to families throughout
13 the State; and
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15 WHEREAS, adult residential care homes and adult foster
16 homes have long served as a non-institutional and less costly
17 alternative, but many caregivers are now struggling to care for
18 residents with much more complex health issues and personal care
19 needs; and
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii has an acute shortage of nursing home beds,
22 which has resulted in increased placement of nursing home level
23 residents in extended care adult residential care homes and
24 adult foster homes; and
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26 WHEREAS, while small homes provide a community-based
27 residential setting for frail seniors and are increasingly
28 encouraged to accommodate residents with higher level of care
29 needs, these small residential homes' ability to provide an
30 optimal quality of care and life for the frail elderly will
31 become increasingly important; and
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1 WHEREAS, in recognition of the important role of adult
2 residential care homes and adult foster homes, the Hawaii State
3 Legislature passed Act 6, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008,
4 designating the first Saturday of November as "Caregiver
5 Recognition Day"; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
9 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature is
10 encouraged to continue to support and work in concert with
11 caregivers to advance caregivers' initiatives and promote
12 recognition and appreciation of their role as partners in the
13 long-term care continuum for Hawaii's frail and vulnerable
14 population; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
18 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
19 Governor, the Director of Human Services, and the Director of
20 Health.

