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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM TO EXAMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF RE-ESTABLISHING THE ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN
GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM, TO CREATE A RESEARCH EDUCATION AND
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RESEARCH ON AGING, AND TO
BUILD CAPACITY TO MEET THE AGING-RELATED WORK FORCE NEEDS
OF THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, a profound demographic change is taking place in
2 most countries, with a large proportion of the population living
3 longer; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's population is aging faster than the
6 national average; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents have the longest life expectancy
9 in the nation; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
12 Affairs, by 2023, twenty percent of Hawaii's projected
13 population of 1.4 million will be 65 years of age or older; and
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15 WHEREAS, as the number of elderly citizens in Hawaii
16 increases, so will the need for more caregivers and a highly
17 skilled caregiver work force; and
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19 WHEREAS, the current shortage of appropriately trained and
20 educated caregivers at all skill levels will only worsen in the
21 years ahead; and
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23 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i System is key to helping
24 prepare students and professionals for careers in caring for and
25 assisting Hawaii's aging population; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
2 Hawai'i System is requested to:

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4 (1) Examine the feasibility of re-establishing the
5 Advanced Certificate in Gerontology Program to help
6 prepare students and professionals for aging-related
7 careers;

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9 (2) Establish a Research Education and Mentorship Program
10 within the Center on Aging to support professors who
11 are conducting aging-related research; and

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13 (3) Explore ways to build greater capacity at the
14 community college level in developing and training
15 direct care paraprofessionals, professional
16 caregivers, and family caregivers to meet the needs of
17 the increasing aging population in the State; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawai'i System
20 is requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty
21 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
25 Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, the University of
26 Hawai'i Center On Aging, and the Executive Office on Aging.
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