
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO EXAMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF RE-ESTABLISHING THE ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN
GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM, TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH
EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RESEARCH ON
AGING, AND TO EXPLORE WAYS TO BUILD CAPACITY TO MEET THE
AGING-RELATED WORKFORCE 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 workforce; 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 Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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) Consider establishing a Research Education and
10 Mentorship Program within the Center on Aging to
11 support professors who are conducting aging-related
12 research; and
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- 14 (3) Explore ways to build greater capacity at the
15 community college level in developing and training
16 direct-care paraprofessionals, professional
17 caregivers, and family caregivers to meet the needs of
18 the increasing aging population in the State; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii System
21 is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the
22 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
23 the Regular Session of 2012; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
27 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, University of
28 Hawaii Center On Aging, and Executive Office on Aging.

