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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO CONTINUE ITS
RESEARCH OF THE TIMEBANKING CONCEPT FOR HAWAII'S RESPITE
SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging is the designated
2 lead agency in the coordination of a statewide system of aging
3 and caregiver support services in the State, as authorized by
4 federal and state laws; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging was awarded a
7 Lifespan Respite Care Program federal grant from the
8 Administration on Community Living to analyze and strengthen the
9 State's current respite system with a goal of supporting
10 Hawaii's family caregivers to maintain their health and
11 employment while providing care in the home to care for
12 recipients of all ages and disabilities; and

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14 WHEREAS, respite services offer a temporary break to
15 caregivers from their ongoing responsibility of caring for an
16 individual of any age; and

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18 WHEREAS, local and national surveys have shown respite to
19 be the most frequently requested service of the nation's family
20 caregivers, increasing the quality of life of caregivers and
21 often preventing or delaying institutionalization of the loved
22 one for whom they are providing care; and

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24 WHEREAS, Act 220, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, facilitated
25 the 2009 report, "Respite Care in the State of Hawaii", which
26 identified several local respite service gaps, such as virtually
27 no transportation to or from respite sites and prohibitive costs
28 associated with service delivery, thus preventing many of
29 Hawaii's family caregivers from accessing respite services; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging recognizes that each
32 year the State is asked to fund numerous home- and



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1 community-based social service programs that support Hawaii's
2 family caregivers and their respite needs, such as Kupuna Care;
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5 WHEREAS, home- and community-based social service programs
6 have traditionally utilized a monetary form of currency to
7 support their service delivery; and
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9 WHEREAS, alternative forms of currency to support
10 increasing community needs are being explored locally,
11 nationally, and internationally; and
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13 WHEREAS, the concept of timebanking helps transform public
14 services by introducing a new form of currency called "time
15 dollars"; and
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17 WHEREAS, timebanking further transforms public services by
18 empowering community members to be the providers and recipients
19 of services, earning "time dollars" when providing a service and
20 withdrawing those "time dollars" to pay for services to meet
21 their family's needs; and
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23 WHEREAS, timebanking may support and improve many of the
24 service gaps identified in the 2009 report, "Respite Care in the
25 State of Hawaii"; and
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27 WHEREAS, the International Journal of Community Currency
28 Research's investigation into timebank membership in the United
29 States revealed that seventy percent of timebank participants
30 join for economic reasons, benefiting from receiving services
31 and using their own skill sets; and
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33 WHEREAS, these findings support the need for further
34 analysis into alternative currencies, such as "time dollars", to
35 aid Hawaii's families in conserving their monetary resources and
36 enabling their loved ones to age in place; and
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38 WHEREAS, timebanking may offer a more sustainable provision
39 of social services and may strengthen Hawaii's communities by
40 building on individual strengths and recognizing that everyone
41 in our community has something to offer, thus empowering our
42 ohana to be active agents of change by caring for our own
43 neighborhoods; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Executive Office
 4 on Aging is requested to continue its research and investigation
 5 into timebanking as a sustainable and alternative currency
 6 system that will build social capital to enhance and strengthen
 7 Hawaii's respite system; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging
 10 submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including
 11 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
 12 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 13 2014; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
 17 Executive Office on Aging.

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