
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONDUCT A REVIEW, BY COUNTY, OF THE STATE'S WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL ELDER CARE PARTNERS FOR THE NEXT DECADE IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR CARE OF HAWAII'S RAPIDLY GROWING ELDERLY POPULATION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's older adult population is growing between
2 two and three times the national average; and
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4 WHEREAS, the need for long-term care and family caregiver
5 support services will continue to grow exponentially with the
6 rapid increase of older adults in the State; and
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8 WHEREAS, the preparation of a competent professional and
9 paraprofessional workforce that can address the needs of the
10 growing elderly population is critical over the next ten years;
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13 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Manoa has various
14 programs addressing the needs of older adults such as the John
15 A. Burns School of Medicine's Geriatric Department, School of
16 Nursing, School of Law's Elder Law Program, School of Social
17 Work, Center on Aging, Center for Disability Studies, Center on
18 the Family, and the Kapiolani Community College's Kupuna
19 Education Center, among others, that are attempting to address
20 these needs; and
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22 WHEREAS, despite the efforts of the aforementioned
23 programs, minimal overall planning has been accomplished; and
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25 WHEREAS, in November 2013, the Legislature's Kupuna Caucus
26 requested that the University of Hawaii report on its plans for
27 addressing the workforce needs of the growing older adult
28 population in the next decade, and a preliminary report was



1 prepared by the University's Center on Aging and the Kapiolani
2 Community College's Kupuna Education Center; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature considers the needs of Hawaii's
5 kupuna to be a priority in the 2014 legislative agenda; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature affirms the importance of planning
8 for the growth of the State's older adult population; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the need to
11 increase the State's elder care workforce will require creative
12 initiatives and closer collaboration between the State's schools
13 and higher education programs; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the University of
18 Hawaii and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations are
19 requested to conduct a review, by county, of the State's
20 workforce requirements for professional and paraprofessional
21 elder care partners for the next decade; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii and
24 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations are requested to
25 submit their findings and recommendations, including any
26 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
27 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
31 of Labor and Industrial Relations, President of the University
32 of Hawaii System, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at
33 Manoa, and Chancellor of Kapiolani Community College.
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