
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY
OF THE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN ADULT CARE HOMES.

1 WHEREAS, adult care homes provide the vital service of
2 assisted living to the elderly population and disabled adults,
3 allowing the individual to experience a sense of self-
4 fulfillment and a personalized living experience; and
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6 WHEREAS, the elderly population is rapidly growing and
7 expected to increase to seventy-two million older persons by the
8 year 2030; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 2010, according to the Executive Office on
11 Aging, approximately 20.4 per cent of the State's total
12 population was sixty years of age or older and approximately 2.2
13 per cent of the State's total population was eighty-five years
14 of age or older and these numbers are expected to rise to 25.8
15 per cent and 2.7 per cent, respectively, by the year 2020; and
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18 WHEREAS, the State has currently more than two hundred
19 registered adult care homes that often times provide assisted
20 living services to more than one individual; and
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22 WHEREAS, the vulnerability of the elderly and disabled
23 adult population may cause them to be more susceptible to
24 physical, emotional, and sexual abuse by caregivers or other
25 patients; and
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27 WHEREAS, the potential increase in the threat of sexual
28 abuse requires further efforts to ensure the safety of the
29 vulnerable elderly and disabled adult population; now,
30 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
4 Human Services is requested to conduct a study of the best
5 management practices to be used in adult care homes, focusing
6 particularly on practices to ensure the protection and safety of
7 vulnerable residents from any type of violence that may be
8 committed by staff or other patients or individuals; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
11 Services is requested to report findings and recommendations to
12 the Legislature not later than twenty days before the convening
13 of the 2015 Regular Session.
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
17 Services and the Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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