
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 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 percent of the State's total
12 population was 60 years of age or older and approximately 2.2
13 percent of the State's total population was 85 years of age or
14 older and these numbers are expected to rise to 25.8 percent and
15 2.7 percent, respectively, by the year 2020; and

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17 WHEREAS, the State has currently more than 200 registered
18 adult care homes that often times provide assisted living
19 services to more than one individual; and

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21 WHEREAS, the vulnerability of the elderly and disabled
22 adult population may cause them to be more susceptible to
23 physical, emotional, and sexual abuse by caregivers or other
24 patients; and

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26 WHEREAS, the potential increase in the threat of sexual
27 abuse requires further efforts to ensure the safety of the
28 vulnerable elderly and disabled adult population; now,
29 therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



1 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
2 Health is requested to conduct a study of the best management
3 practices to be used in adult care homes, focusing particularly
4 on practices to ensure the protection and safety of vulnerable
5 residents from any type of violence that may be committed by
6 staff or other patients or individuals; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
9 requested to report findings and recommendations to the
10 Legislature no later than 20 days before the convening of the
11 2015 Regular Session.
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

