
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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5 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A FAMILY
6 CAREGIVERS WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS THE ROLE OF
7 CAREGIVING FOR PATIENTS RELEASED FROM HOSPITALS AND THE
8 OVERALL CIRCUMSTANCES OF PATIENTS RELEASED FROM HOSPITALS
9 AS WELL AS THE RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY NEEDED AND
10 AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEM.
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13 WHEREAS, many patients who are released from their hospital
14 care require continued care at home, requiring a high level of
15 skill; and,
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17 WHEREAS, increasingly, because of costs and other factors
18 untrained family caregivers are often called upon to provide
19 such care; and,
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21 WHEREAS, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
22 Public Policy Institute estimates that in 2009 there were
23 247,000 family caregivers in Hawaii; and
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25 WHEREAS, AARP believes that family caregivers require more
26 training than they are receiving to take care of the patients
27 they have volunteered to care for; and,
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29 WHEREAS, hospitals are under increased pressure from the
30 federal government to avoid readmission of patients within
31 thirty days of their release; and,
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33 WHEREAS, hospitals do presently provide discharge plans for
34 all patients which may involve family caregivers; and,
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36 WHEREAS, there may be other resources already in the
37 community or that need to be developed in the community to meet
38 this need; and,
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1 WHEREAS, the hospital members of the Healthcare Association
2 of Hawaii (HAH) are willing to review their role with regard to
3 the training of family caregivers; and,
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5 WHEREAS, hospitals have concerns regarding the possible
6 liability they may incur if they undertake more intensive
7 training of family caregivers; and,
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9 WHEREAS, AARP and HAH are agreeable to working with each
10 other and their members and other appropriate entities and
11 persons in the community to assess this matter and develop
12 solutions; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, the Senate
16 concurring, that the Department of Health, is requested to
17 convene a family caregivers working group to examine and assess
18 issues contained in Senate Bill 2264, 2014 Regular Session,
19 including but not limited to the role of caregivers, the status
20 of caregiver training, the question of what role hospitals
21 should play in the training of caregivers and the role others
22 might or should play in the training of caregivers to assure the
23 best outcomes for all patients released from hospitals; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
26 requested to invite the participation of:

- 27 (1) The Director of Health, or designee who shall serve as
28 Chair;
- 29 (2) The Governor, or designee;
- 30 (3) Two representatives from AARP Hawaii;
- 31 (4) The Director of the Executive Office on Aging, or
32 designee;
- 33 (5) One representative from the Healthcare Association of
34 Hawaii;
- 35 (6) The Chief of the Office of Healthcare Assurance, or
36 designee;
- 37 (7) One representative from each Oahu hospital facility;
- 38 (8) One representative from each Hawaii Health Systems
39 Corporation region;
- 40 (9) Two representatives from HAH member hospitals;
- 41 (10) One representative from Home Health Care;
- 42 (11) One representative from a Skilled Nursing Facility;
- 43 (12) One representative from each of the County Area
44 Agencies on Aging;



- 1 (13) One representative from the Kokua Council;
- 2 (14) One representative from Ohana Health Plan;
- 3 (15) One representative from the American Cancer Society;
- 4 (16) One representative from Papa Ola Lokahi; and
- 5 (17) One representative from an Alzheimer's Disease
- 6 treatment organization;
- 7 (18) One representative from Kokua Mau;
- 8 (19) One representative from Hospice Hawaii;
- 9 (20) One representative from the Hawaii Long Term Care
- 10 Association;
- 11 (21) A Member of the Senate appointed by the Senate
- 12 President; and
- 13 (22) A Member of the House of Representatives appointed by
- 14 the Speaker of the House; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the caregivers working group is
17 requested to submit a written report of its findings and
18 recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior
19 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
23 Healthcare Association of Hawaii, American Association of
24 Retired Persons, and the Executive Office on Aging.
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