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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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5 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A CAREGIVERS  
6 WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS THE ROLE OF CAREGIVING  
7 FOR PATIENTS RELEASED FROM HOSPITALS AND THE OVERALL  
8 CIRCUMSTANCES OF PATIENTS RELEASED FROM HOSPITALS AS WELL  
9 AS THE RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY NEEDED AND AVAILABLE TO  
10 ASSIST THEM.  
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13 WHEREAS, many patients who are released from their hospital  
14 care require continued care at home; and,  
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16 WHEREAS, such care often requires a high level of skill;  
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19 WHEREAS, increasingly, because of costs and other factors  
20 untrained caregivers are often called upon to provide such care;  
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23 WHEREAS, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)  
24 believes that volunteer caregivers require more training than  
25 they are receiving to take care of the patients they have  
26 volunteered to care for; and,  
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28 WHEREAS, hospitals are under increased pressure from the  
29 federal government to avoid readmission of patients within  
30 thirty days of their release; and,  
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32 WHEREAS, hospitals do presently provide discharge plans for  
33 all patients that do involve caregivers; and,  
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35 WHEREAS, there may be other resources already in the  
36 community or that need to be developed in the community to meet  
37 this need; and,  
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39 WHEREAS, the hospital members of the Healthcare Association  
40 of Hawaii (HAH) are willing to review their role with regard to  
41 the training of caregivers; and,



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2 WHEREAS, hospitals have concerns regarding the possible  
3 liability they may incur if they undertake more intensive  
4 training of caregivers; and,  
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6 WHEREAS, AARP and HAH are agreeable to working with each  
7 other and its members and other appropriate entities and persons  
8 in the community to assess this matter and develop solutions;  
9 now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, the Senate  
13 concurring, that the Department of Health, is requested to  
14 convene a caregivers working group to examine and assess the  
15 role of caregivers, the status of caregiver training, the  
16 question of what role hospitals should play in the training of  
17 caregivers and the role others might or should play in the  
18 training of caregivers to assure the best outcomes for all  
19 patients released from hospitals; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
22 requested to invite the participation of:

- 23 (1) The Director of Health, or her designee who shall  
24 serve as Chair;  
25 (2) Two representatives from AARP Hawaii;  
26 (3) The Director of the Executive Office on Aging, or his  
27 designee;  
28 (4) The Chief of the Office of Healthcare Assurance, or  
29 his designee;  
30 (5) Two representatives from HAH member hospitals;  
31 (6) One representative from Home Health Care;  
32 (7) One representative from a Skilled Nursing Facility;  
33 (8) One representative from each of the County Area  
34 Agencies on Aging;  
35 (9) One representative from the Kokua Council;  
36 (10) One representative from Ohana Health Plan;  
37 (11) One representative from the American Cancer Society;  
38 (12) One representative from Papa Ola Lokahi; and  
39 (13) One representative from an Alzheimer's Disease  
40 treatment organization; and  
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the caregivers working group is  
43 requested to submit a written report of its findings and



1 recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior  
2 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Healthcare  
6 Association of Hawaii, AARP, Director of Health, and the  
7 Executive Office on Aging.

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