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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO INVENTORY THE  
ELDERLY SERVICES AND FAMILY AND ELDERLY DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE  
ISLANDS OF MOLOKAI AND LANAI AND THE EAST MAUI AREA.

1           WHEREAS, many elderly individuals on the islands of Molokai  
2 and Lanai and in the district of Hana are subject to multiple  
3 risks, including homelessness, language barriers, abuse,  
4 unemployment, poverty, and lack of transportation at any given  
5 time; and

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7           WHEREAS, social determinants of health complicate the  
8 ability to address elderly health concerns and pose challenges  
9 to elderly patients and providers in identifying, assessing, and  
10 treating health problems; and

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12           WHEREAS, providing non-clinical services for the elderly  
13 that are designed to address gaps in care by qualified staff  
14 from the community, who build relationships and trust with their  
15 patients, can reduce social determinants of health barriers and  
16 address issues such as housing, transportation, interpretation,  
17 economic security, and linkage and coordination with providers  
18 of other services, such as education, behavioral health, and  
19 employment services; and

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21           WHEREAS, failure to address the social determinants of  
22 health and provide other enabling services for the elderly,  
23 including care coordination, often result in costlier,  
24 preventable health care costs such as hospitalizations and  
25 emergency-room utilization; and

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27           WHEREAS, traditional health care and payment for health  
28 care do not address social determinants of health related to  
29 language, culture, economic and livelihood security,  
30 environmental quality, transportation, and many other barriers  
31 individuals face to utilize health care services; and

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33           WHEREAS, health care costs for the elderly could be reduced  
34 with improved access to primary care services and risk



1 adjustment for social determinants of health and other enabling  
2 services; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured populations  
5 have significant socioeconomic pressures, which if addressed  
6 will result in measurable improvement in preventable health care  
7 costs; and

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9 WHEREAS, differences among population groups exist;  
10 therefore, disaggregation of assessment data by race, age,  
11 gender, socioeconomic status, education level, and geography is  
12 vital to addressing social determinants of health; and

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14 WHEREAS, an inventory of existing services available for  
15 the elderly on the islands of Molokai and Lanai and in the  
16 district of Hana is critical for determining the need for  
17 additional services and for making appropriate referrals for  
18 service; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2014, that the Executive Office on Aging is requested  
23 to create an inventory of the elderly services available on the  
24 islands of Lanai and Molokai and in the area of East Maui,  
25 specifically Keanae, Wailuanui, Hana, Kipahulu, and Kaupo; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inventory on elderly services  
28 of the islands of Lanai and Molokai and in the area of East Maui  
29 include:

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31 (1) Long-term care services;  
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33 (2) Health services;  
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35 (3) Financial education;  
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37 (4) Identity theft services;  
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39 (5) Transportation;  
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41 (6) Hospitals;  
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43 (7) Emergency and ambulatory services;  
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- 1 (8) Meal delivery services;
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- 3 (9) Personal care services;
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- 5 (10) Community care foster family homes;
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- 7 (11) Adult day care centers or programs;
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- 9 (12) Adult day health centers;
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- 11 (13) Adult residential care homes;
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- 13 (14) Foster care homes;
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- 15 (15) Independent living facilities; and
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- 17 (16) Housing loan programs that offer deposit and first
- 18 month's rental loans; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging  
21 is requested to research the following demographics of the  
22 islands of Lanai and Molokai and the area of East Maui:

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- 24 (1) The number of families;
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- 26 (2) The number of children;
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- 28 (3) The number of elders living above the poverty income
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- 31 (4) The number of elders living below the poverty income
- 32 level;
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- 34 (5) The percentage of elders living with other family
- 35 members; and
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- 37 (6) The percentage of elders living alone; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
40 Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human  
41 Services; and the County of Maui Council on Aging are requested  
42 to assist the Executive Office on Aging in gathering the  
43 information requested by this measure; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging  
2 is requested to submit a report to this body, not later than  
3 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
4 2015, containing the inventory of the elderly services, the  
5 population data, and its recommendation of services to the  
6 elderly that are needed and not available on the islands of  
7 Molokai and Lanai and in the district of Hana; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Executive on  
11 Office on Aging; the Director of Business, Economic Development,  
12 and Tourism; the Director of Human Services; the Chair of the  
13 County of Maui Council on Aging; and the Director of the County  
14 of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

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