
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING, AND WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL TO
ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO ESTABLISH A GERIATRIC RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGY PARK IN CENTRAL OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, age is the single most important factor in
2 understanding health status and the need and demand for health
3 care resources; and

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5 WHEREAS, since 2000, Hawaii's elderly population, those
6 aged sixty-five and older, grew slightly faster than the
7 national growth rate; and

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9 WHEREAS, since statehood, Hawaii's elderly population as a
10 percentage of the total state population has increased three-
11 fold, from roughly five percent in 1960 to fifteen percent in
12 2012; and

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14 WHEREAS, during this same period, the elderly segment of
15 the nation's population increased from nine percent to fourteen
16 percent; and

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18 WHEREAS, between 1990 and 2012, the number of elderly aged
19 seventy-five and older increased forty-seven percent nationally
20 compared to the one hundred sixteen percent increase in Hawaii;
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23 WHEREAS, by the year 2030, the elderly population is
24 projected to represent twenty percent of the populations in each
25 county, the State, and the nation as a whole, and one out of
26 every five individuals will be aged sixty-five or older; and

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28 WHEREAS, Wahiawa provides one of the top senior care
29 service programs; and

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31 WHEREAS, Aged to Perfection is an adult day care center
32 providing elders with social activities, meals, and general
33 supervision, drawing interns from top universities across the



1 country, including the University of Hawaii, University of
2 Southern California, and University of Arizona; and

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4 WHEREAS, establishing an economic hub for the geriatric
5 industry may attract new businesses and technologies to provide
6 jobs for central Oahu communities, as well as products and
7 services for neighboring geriatric facilities and programs; now,
8 therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
12 that the High Technology Development Corporation, Executive
13 Office on Aging, and Wahiawa General Hospital establish a
14 working group to establish a geriatric research and technology
15 park in central Oahu; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the geriatric research and
18 technology park be administered by the working group and be
19 bounded by the properties located in Wahiawa, Oahu, identified
20 by tax map key numbers 74006003, 74006004, 74006020, 74006040,
21 and 74006041; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the objective of the geriatric
24 research and technology park be to facilitate economic growth by
25 encouraging manufacturing jobs related to products and services
26 focused on long-term care, including an aging and disability
27 resource center, adult residential care homes, hospices, nursing
28 homes, and assisted living facilities, in a designated
29 geographic hub; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the
32 High Technology Development Corporation develop the geriatric
33 research and technology park in consultation with the Executive
34 Office on Aging, Wahiawa General Hospital, and working group;
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when designing and planning the
38 geriatric research and technology park, the Board of Directors
39 of the High Technology Development Corporation may enter into
40 cooperative agreements with coordinating entrepreneurs or public
41 agencies that have the powers, services, and capabilities deemed
42 necessary and appropriate for the development and implementation
43 of the business and medical development plans; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the planning and design of the
2 geriatric research and technology park comply with community and
3 town master plans and urban design plans; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
7 Development, and Tourism; Chair of the Board of Directors of the
8 High Technology Development Corporation; Director of the
9 Executive Office on Aging; Wahiawa General Hospital; and Aged to
10 Perfection.
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