
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER ON AGING TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES, THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FREE SENIOR ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS.

1 WHEREAS, various government and private nonprofit entities
2 provide adult education services and opportunities for senior
3 citizens on Oahu; and
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5 WHEREAS, the members of the growing senior population
6 benefit intellectually, socially, and physically from productive
7 engagement in their community; and
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9 WHEREAS, senior participation in free or low cost education
10 courses often enhances the diversity and perspectives for all
11 students in these classes; and
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13 WHEREAS, the quantity and quality of educational
14 opportunities for adult and senior residents can benefit from a
15 conscientious and thoughtful review of these programs; and
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17 WHEREAS, these services often complement each other but can
18 sometimes be duplicative; and
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20 WHEREAS, offering the same or similar services at multiple
21 locations can be inefficient; and
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23 WHEREAS, funding for the provision of services to seniors
24 is limited; and
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26 WHEREAS, coordinating and consolidating some University of
27 Hawaii and Department of Education adult education opportunities
28 and programs at selected locations and utilizing the savings to



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1 offer new learning opportunities may benefit seniors and be more
2 economical; and

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4 WHEREAS, the potential to improve the delivery of adult
5 education services to seniors should be carefully examined so
6 that decision-makers have clear bases for supporting programs
7 and allocating funding; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging is designated by
10 state law as the lead agency in the coordination of a statewide
11 system of aging and caregiver support services in the State; and

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13 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Center on Aging can
14 provide research, data, and policy recommendations on issues
15 relating to Hawaii's aging population; and

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17 WHEREAS, senior advocate organizations such as Kokua
18 Council have a longstanding involvement in promoting healthy and
19 meaningful opportunities for Hawaii's seniors; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Executive
24 Office on Aging and the University of Hawaii Center on Aging are
25 requested to convene an adult education working group to review
26 adult education services and opportunities presently offered to
27 seniors, consider whether it would be effective to consolidate
28 some programs in order to provide new and improved learning
29 opportunities, and explore other potential education programs
30 that might be beneficial to seniors; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging
33 and the University of Hawaii Center on Aging are encouraged to
34 include in the working group representatives from the:

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36 (1) Department of Education;
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38 (2) University of Hawaii Center on Aging;
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40 (3) University of Hawaii Vice President for Academic
41 Affairs;
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- 1 (4) University of Hawaii Vice President for Community
- 2 Colleges;
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- 4 (5) Outreach College of the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
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- 6 (6) AARP Hawaii; and
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- 8 (7) Kokua Council; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members are requested to
11 select a chair of the working group from among themselves; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
14 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
15 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
16 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
17 of 2017; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
21 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of
22 Education, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa,
23 President of the University of Hawaii, Executive Director of
24 AARP Hawaii, and President of Kokua Council.
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