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# SENATE 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



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 Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Executive Office  
24 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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