
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 diversity and perspectives in the
11 learning experience for all 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
18 can 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 a clear basis 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 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-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Executive Office on
24 Aging and the University of Hawaii Center on Aging are requested
25 to convene an adult education working group to review adult
26 education services and opportunities presently offered to
27 seniors, consider whether it would be effective to consolidate
28 some programs 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) Executive Office on Aging;
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38 (2) Department of Education;
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40 (3) University of Hawaii Center on Aging;
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42 (4) Office of the University of Hawaii Vice President for
43 Academic Affairs;



- 1 (5) Office of the University of Hawaii Vice President for
- 2 Community Colleges;
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- 4 (6) Outreach College of the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
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- 6 (7) AARP Hawaii; and
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- 8 (8) 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 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 17 2018; 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.

