
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER ON AGING TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS CURRENT ELDER AND KUPUNA CARE SERVICES AND THE ANTICIPATED DEMAND FOR THOSE SERVICES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THOSE SERVICES AND MEET ANTICIPATED DEMAND.

1 WHEREAS, currently, 238,000 Hawaii residents, constituting
2 18.7 percent of Hawaii's total population, are aged 60 and
3 older, and by 2030, this age group is projected to constitute
4 more than one-fourth, or 27.4 percent, of the State's
5 population; and
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7 WHEREAS, while Hawaii's population is expected to increase
8 by 21 percent between 2000 and 2030, the number of people 60
9 years and older is expected to increase by 93.8 percent, and the
10 number of people 85 years and older is expected to increase by
11 174.7 percent during the same period; and
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13 WHEREAS, the large aging population will have a major
14 impact on the organization and delivery of health care, with a
15 shift from acute to chronic illnesses, such as heart disease,
16 cancer, stroke, chronic lower respiratory diseases, Alzheimer's
17 disease, and diabetes; and
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19 WHEREAS, the kupuna care program was enacted in 1999 to
20 address the needs of Hawaii's aging population and the issues
21 arising from those needs; and
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23 WHEREAS, the kupuna care program is considered to be an
24 alternative to traditional long-term care options with the goal
25 of enabling Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and
26 dignified lives in their own homes and communities; and
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28 WHEREAS, the kupuna care program provides services that
29 provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers and
30 access to affordable and quality home- and community-based



1 services, including hot meals, transportation, case management,
2 and personal care assistance; and

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4 WHEREAS, it is currently difficult to find trained
5 providers and trainers; and

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7 WHEREAS, demand for kupuna care services will increase as
8 the number of aging people increases; and

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10 WHEREAS, the State needs a work force well-trained in elder
11 care and kupuna services to meet the demands of the populace;
12 now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii
17 Center on Aging is requested to convene a task force to review
18 the current elder and kupuna care services situation and
19 anticipated demand for those services and determine requirements
20 for adequate training, workforce expansion, service expansion,
21 and financing to correct the current situation and meet
22 anticipated demand; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Center on Aging is
25 requested to invite the following to serve on the task force:

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27 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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29 (2) The Director of Human Services or the Director's
30 designee;
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32 (3) The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations or the
33 Director's designee;
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35 (4) The Director of the Executive Office on Aging or the
36 Director's designee;
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38 (5) The Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
39 Affairs or the Chair's designee;
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41 (6) The Chair of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council
42 or the Chair's designee;



- 1 (7) The Director of the Office of Primary Care and Rural
2 Health or the Director's designee;
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- 4 (8) The Director of the State Health Planning and
5 Development Agency or the Director's designee;
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- 7 (9) The Dean of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns
8 School of Medicine or the Dean's designee;
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- 10 (10) The Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Nursing
11 and Dental Hygiene or the Dean's designee;
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- 13 (11) The Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Social
14 Work or the Dean's designee;
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- 16 (12) The Executive Director of Kokua Mau or the Executive
17 Director's designee;
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- 19 (13) The City and County of Honolulu Executive of the
20 Elderly Affairs Division or the Executive's designee;
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- 22 (14) The Hawaii County Executive of the Office of Aging or
23 the Executive's designee;
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- 25 (15) The Kauai County Executive on Aging or the Executive's
26 designee;
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- 28 (16) The Maui County Executive of the Office on Aging or
29 the Executive's designee;
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- 31 (17) One representative from the nursing home industry;
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- 33 (18) One representative from the adult residential care
34 home industry;
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- 36 (19) One representative from the home care services
37 industry;
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- 39 (20) An advocate from the private sector who has personal
40 experience as a caregiver; and
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- 42 (21) One representative from AARP Hawaii; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
2 report its findings and recommendations, including proposed
3 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
4 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
8 Director of Human Services, Director of Labor and Industrial
9 Relations, Director of the Executive Office on Aging, Chair of
10 the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Chair of the Hawaii
11 Workforce Development Council, Director of the Office of Primary
12 Care and Rural Health, Director of the State Health Planning and
13 Development Agency, Dean of the University of Hawaii John A.
14 Burns School of Medicine, Dean of the University of Hawaii
15 School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Dean of the University of
16 Hawaii School of Social Work, Executive Director of Kokua Mau,
17 City and County of Honolulu County Executive of the Elderly
18 Affairs Division, Hawaii County Executive of the Office of
19 Aging, Kauai County Executive on Aging, Maui County Executive of
20 the Office on Aging, and Executive Director of AARP Hawaii.

