
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 healthcare, 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 offers services that
29 provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers and
30 provide access to affordable and quality home- and community-



1 based services, including hot meals, transportation, case
2 management, and personal care assistance; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is currently difficult to find trained
5 providers and trainers in Hawaii; and
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7 WHEREAS, demand for kupuna care services will increase as
8 the number of aging adults 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 current elder and kupuna care services and anticipated demand
19 for those services, and determine requirements for adequate
20 training, workforce expansion, service expansion, and financing
21 to improve the current situation and meet anticipated demand;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
25 conduct a complete economic analysis of the cost for primary
26 kupuna care services, adequate training, workforce expansion,
27 service expansion, and financing to improve the current elder
28 and kupuna care services and meet anticipated demand; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Center on Aging is
31 requested to invite the following members to serve on the task
32 force:
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34 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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36 (2) The Director of Human Services or the Director's
37 designee;
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39 (3) The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations or the
40 Director's designee;
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42 (4) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
43 Tourism or the Director's designee;
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- 1 (5) The Director of the Executive Office on Aging or the
2 Director's designee;
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- 4 (6) The Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
5 Affairs or the Chair's designee;
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- 7 (7) The Chair of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council
8 or the Chair's designee;
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- 10 (8) The Director of the Office of Primary Care and Rural
11 Health or the Director's designee;
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- 13 (9) The Director of the State Health Planning and
14 Development Agency or the Director's designee;
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- 16 (10) The Dean of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns
17 School of Medicine or the Dean's designee;
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- 19 (11) The Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Nursing
20 and Dental Hygiene or the Dean's designee;
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- 22 (12) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Myron B.
23 Thompson School of Social Work or the Dean's designee;
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- 25 (13) The Executive Director of Kokua Mau or the Executive
26 Director's designee;
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- 28 (14) The City and County of Honolulu Executive of the
29 Elderly Affairs Division or the Executive's designee;
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- 31 (15) The Hawaii County Executive of the Office of Aging or
32 the Executive's designee;
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- 34 (16) The Kauai County Executive on Aging or the Executive's
35 designee;
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- 37 (17) The Maui County Executive of the Office on Aging or
38 the Executive's designee;
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- 40 (18) One representative from the nursing home industry;
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- 42 (19) One representative from the adult residential care
43 home industry;
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1 (20) One representative from the home care services
2 industry;

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4 (21) An advocate from the private sector who has personal
5 experience as a caregiver; and
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7 (22) One representative from AARP Hawaii; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
10 report its findings and recommendations, including proposed
11 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
12 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health;
16 Director of Human Services; Director of Labor and Industrial
17 Relations; Director of Business, Economic Development, and
18 Tourism; Director of the Executive Office on Aging; Chair of the
19 Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Chair of the Hawaii
20 Workforce Development Council; Director of the Office of Primary
21 Care and Rural Health; Director of the State Health Planning and
22 Development Agency; Dean of the University of Hawaii John A.
23 Burns School of Medicine; Dean of the University of Hawaii
24 School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene; Dean of the University of
25 Hawaii at Manoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work; City
26 and County of Honolulu County Executive of the Elderly Affairs
27 Division; Hawaii County Executive of the Office of Aging; Kauai
28 County Executive on Aging; Maui County Executive of the Office
29 on Aging; Executive Director of Kokua Mau; and Executive
30 Director of AARP Hawaii.

