
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO
EXAMINE ISSUES RELATED TO STATE-LICENSED AND STATE-
CERTIFIED CARE HOMES.

1 WHEREAS, according to a report by the United States Census
2 Bureau, "An Aging Nation: The Older Population in the United
3 States," issued May 2014, between 2012 and 2050, the United
4 States will experience considerable growth in its older
5 population aged 65 and over; and
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7 WHEREAS, the report also states that in 2050, the
8 population aged 65 and over is projected to be 83.7 million,
9 which is almost double the 2012 estimate of 43.1 million; and
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11 WHEREAS, the aging population in Hawaii, like in the rest
12 of the nation, is rapidly increasing and more and more
13 individuals rely on a range of long-term care supports and
14 services, such as assistance with activities of daily living and
15 assistance with instrumental activities of daily living; and
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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii's communities rely on a strong network of
18 long-term care services, including nursing homes, adult
19 residential care homes and extended care adult residential care
20 homes, community care foster family homes, assisted living
21 facilities, and adult day care; and
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23 WHEREAS, each session, various caregivers have sought
24 legislation to address concerns within the long-term care
25 community as policymakers and other community leaders work to
26 support a long-term care system that provides for the needs of
27 communities statewide; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2017, that the Department of Health is requested to convene a
32 task force to examine issues related to state-licensed and



1 state-certified care homes, including funding, compensation,
2 accountability and efficiency, licensing and recertification,
3 monitoring and inspection, and other regulatory issues as
4 determined by the task force; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members shall
7 include:

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9 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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11 (2) The Director of Human Services or the Director's
12 designee;
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14 (3) The Director of the Executive Office on Aging or the
15 Director's designee;
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17 (4) A representative from the State Council on
18 Developmental Disabilities;
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20 (5) A representative from the Hawaii Self-Advocacy
21 Advisory Council;
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23 (6) A representative from the Special Parent Information
24 Network;
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26 (7) A representative from the Hawaii Disability Rights
27 Center;
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29 (8) One representative from each of the following
30 residential care providers:
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32 (A) Adult residential care homes;
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34 (B) Expanded adult residential care homes;
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36 (C) Community care foster family homes; and
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38 (D) Adult foster homes; and
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40 (9) Any other stakeholders as determined by the task
41 force; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
2 Director of Human Services, or their designees, shall serve as
3 co-chairs of the task force; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is exempt from
6 Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
9 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
10 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20
11 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Director of
15 Human Services, Director of the Executive Office on Aging,
16 Executive Director of the State Council on Developmental
17 Disabilities, Director of the Center for Disability Studies at
18 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Special Parent Information
19 Network Coordinator, Executive Director of Hawaii Disability
20 Rights Center, and Administrator of the State Licensing Section
21 of the Office of Health Care Assurance.

