
SENATE 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 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 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 that is well-trained
11 in elder care and kupuna services to meet the demands of the
12 populace; now, therefore,

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

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
25 conduct a preliminary 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 University of Hawaii Center
31 on Aging is requested to invite the following members to serve
32 on the task 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;



- 1 (4) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
2 Tourism or the Director's designee;
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- 4 (5) The Director of the Executive Office on Aging or the
5 Director's designee;
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- 7 (6) The Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
8 Affairs or the Chair's designee;
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- 10 (7) The Chair of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council
11 or the Chair's designee;
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- 13 (8) The Director of the Office of Primary Care and Rural
14 Health or the Director's designee;
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- 16 (9) The Director of the State Health Planning and
17 Development Agency or the Director's designee;
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- 19 (10) The Dean of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns
20 School of Medicine or the Dean's designee;
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- 22 (11) The Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Nursing
23 and Dental Hygiene or the Dean's designee;
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- 25 (12) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Myron B.
26 Thompson School of Social Work;
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- 28 (13) The Executive Director of Kokua Mau or the Executive
29 Director's designee;
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- 31 (14) The City and County of Honolulu Executive of the
32 Elderly Affairs Division or the Executive's designee;
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- 34 (15) The Hawaii County Executive of the Office of Aging or
35 the Executive's designee;
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- 37 (16) The Kauai County Executive on Aging or the Executive's
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- 40 (17) The Maui County Executive of the Office on Aging or
41 the Executive's designee;



- 1 (18) One representative from the nursing home industry;
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- 3 (19) One representative from the adult residential care
- 4 home industry;
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- 6 (20) One representative from the home care services
- 7 industry;
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- 9 (21) An advocate from the private sector who has personal
- 10 experience as a caregiver; and
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- 12 (22) One representative from AARP Hawaii; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
 15 report its findings and recommendations, including proposed
 16 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
 17 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health;
 21 Director of Human Services; Director of Labor and Industrial
 22 Relations; Director of Business, Economic Development, and
 23 Tourism; Director of the Executive Office on Aging; Chair of the
 24 Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Chair of the Hawaii
 25 Workforce Development Council; Director of the Office of Primary
 26 Care and Rural Health; Director of the State Health Planning and
 27 Development Agency; Dean of the University of Hawaii John A.
 28 Burns School of Medicine; Dean of the University of Hawaii
 29 School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene; Dean of the University of
 30 Hawaii at Manoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work;
 31 Executive Director of Kokua Mau; City and County of Honolulu
 32 County Executive of the Elderly Affairs Division; Hawaii County
 33 Executive of the Office of Aging; Kauai County Executive on
 34 Aging; Maui County Executive of the Office on Aging; and
 35 Executive Director of AARP Hawaii.

