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# 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 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 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 anticipated  
19 demand for those services, and determine requirements for  
20 adequate training, workforce expansion, service expansion, and  
21 financing to improve the current situation and meet anticipated  
22 demand; and

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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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- 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 Executive Director of Kokua Mau or the Executive  
26 Director's designee;  
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- 28 (13) The City and County of Honolulu Executive of the  
29 Elderly Affairs Division or the Executive's designee;  
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- 31 (14) The Hawaii County Executive of the Office of Aging or  
32 the Executive's designee;  
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- 34 (15) The Kauai County Executive on Aging or the Executive's  
35 designee;  
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- 37 (16) The Maui County Executive of the Office on Aging or  
38 the Executive's designee;  
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- 40 (17) One representative from the nursing home industry;  
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- 1           (18) One representative from the adult residential care  
2           home industry;
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- 4           (19) One representative from the home care services  
5           industry;
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- 7           (20) An advocate from the private sector who has personal  
8           experience as a caregiver; and
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- 10          (21) One representative from AARP Hawaii; and
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12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
13 report its findings and recommendations, including proposed  
14 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
15 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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

