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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING  
UPDATE THE 2013 WHITE PAPER ON ACTIVE AGING AND PROVIDE A  
FINAL REPORT ON ITS UPDATED VERSION NO LATER THAN THE START  
OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF 2021.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Hawaii's older adult  
2 population is growing rapidly and at a constantly increasing  
3 pace; and  
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5           WHEREAS, in response, the State has addressed the needs of  
6 "old-old" or "functionally frail" older persons through  
7 initiatives to build infrastructure for eldercare, focusing  
8 principally on the medically-defined needs of the frail,  
9 disabled, and dependent populations; and  
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11           WHEREAS, although these initiatives are vital to the health  
12 and well-being of Hawaii's older person population, initiatives  
13 focusing on the emerging "young-old" or "functionally able"  
14 population will help to cultivate the State's older persons as a  
15 resource and community asset that can be tapped for their  
16 experience, skills, talents, social networks, and time; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that there is a  
19 paradigm shift in aging policy widely acknowledged within the  
20 professional field of gerontology that calls for changing the  
21 view of aging from that of a pathology to that of aging as an  
22 asset; and  
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24           WHEREAS, as part of this paradigm shift, the perspective  
25 known as active aging has emerged, which emphasizes the process  
26 of optimizing opportunities for health, security, and  
27 participation in society in order to enhance the quality of life  
28 as people age; and



1 WHEREAS, the framework of active aging is still evolving,  
2 but currently advocates for promoting high cognitive and  
3 physical function and maintaining engagement in life, rather  
4 than solely focusing on avoiding disease and disability; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Executive Office on  
7 Aging released a white paper in 2013 entitled "Hawaii's 2020  
8 Vision: The State of Active Aging", that outlined a plan to  
9 implement an active aging initiative; and  
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11 WHEREAS, this white paper provides a path toward a policy  
12 of active aging while the specific details of the initiative are  
13 updated and finalized; and  
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15 WHEREAS, embracing a policy of active aging has the  
16 potential to provide a great value to the health and well-being  
17 of Hawaii's older population as well as to communities  
18 throughout the State of Hawaii; now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
22 2019, that the State Executive Office on Aging is requested to  
23 update the 2013 white paper on active aging to help create a new  
24 social policy paradigm; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report address and include  
27 the following:  
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- 29 (1) Coordination with the four county agencies on aging,  
30 or the appropriate division;  
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- 32 (2) A review of existing policies and best practices  
33 related to active aging in the State;  
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- 35 (3) Health care practices, with attention to physical,  
36 emotional, mental, nutritional, and medical fitness;  
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- 38 (4) Financial fitness measures to enable older adults to  
39 have the appropriate tools and programs in place to  
40 ensure the financial health necessary for their later  
41 years;



- 1 (5) Intergenerational equity;
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- 3 (6) Proposals to eliminate ageism;
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- 5 (7) The promotion of new social roles and purposes for
- 6 older persons;
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- 8 (8) A review of policies and practices related to active
- 9 aging, including the incorporation of any
- 10 recommendations for subsequent State plans on aging;
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- 13 (9) Reporting on existing noteworthy active aging programs
- 14 and their projects in Hawaii; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Executive Office on  
 17 Aging shall provide an interim report on its progress to the  
 18 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 19 the Regular Session of 2020; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Executive Office on  
 22 Aging shall provide a final report to the Legislature no later  
 23 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
 24 of 2021; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the State Executive  
 28 Office on Aging; the Maui County Office on Aging; the County of  
 29 Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs; the Elderly Affairs Division of  
 30 the City and County of Honolulu; the Hawai'i County Office on  
 31 Aging; and the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii at  
 32 Manoa.

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