

HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO WORK WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER ON AGING TO ESTABLISH AN ACTIVE AGING INITIATIVE AND ACTIVE AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, approximately seventeen percent of Hawaii's residents are sixty-five years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the State's older adult population is growing rapidly, increasing by twenty-five percent between 2010 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, many state programs for older adults focus on the medically-defined needs of the frail, disabled, and dependent; and

WHEREAS, there has been a paradigm shift in national aging policy that calls for aging to be treated as an asset, rather than a pathology; and

WHEREAS, state programs are needed to support and assist functionally able elders, who can be resources and assets for their communities; and

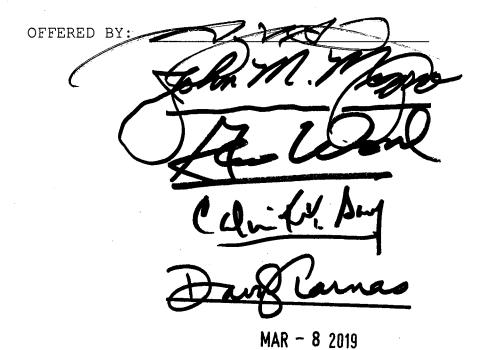
WHEREAS, the concept of active aging advocates for programs that help older adults to avoid disease and disability, retain high cognitive function, and maintain community engagement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the Executive Office on Aging is urged to work with the University of Hawaii Center on Aging to establish an Active Aging Initiative and Active Aging Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging submit a status report on establishing the Active Aging

Initiative and Active Aging Advisory Committee to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and Director of the University of Hawaii Center on Aging.



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