
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE 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
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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 Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
21 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
22 Representatives concurring, that the Executive Office on Aging
23 is requested to update the 2013 white paper on active aging to
24 help create a new 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 Executive Office on Aging
 17 is requested to 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 Executive Office on Aging
 22 is requested to provide a final report to the Legislature no
 23 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
 24 Session of 2021; and

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

