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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION TO CONDUCT A REVENUE LOSS ANALYSIS OF MEDICAL AND GROCERY EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR RETIRED SENIOR CITIZENS AGED SIXTY YEARS AND OLDER.

1 WHEREAS, many retired senior citizens aged sixty years and
2 older live on fixed incomes and must live on a tight budget,
3 requiring that the purchase of discretionary goods or services
4 be limited or curtailed; and

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6 WHEREAS, expenses that cannot be easily limited or
7 curtailed include groceries and medical services; and

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9 WHEREAS, the gap between the costs of these expenses and
10 the fixed incomes of retired senior citizens tend to widen over
11 time, making it increasingly difficult for a retired senior
12 citizen to budget accordingly; and

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14 WHEREAS, proactive measures must be taken so that retired
15 senior citizens can maintain a reasonable quality of life and
16 afford the increasing costs of groceries and medical services;
17 now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
20 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
21 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Taxation is
22 requested to conduct a revenue loss analysis of medical and
23 grocery excise tax exemptions for retired senior citizens aged
24 sixty years and older; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Taxation is
27 requested to submit a report of its findings and
28 recommendations, including any proposed legislation to implement
29 the general excise tax exemption, to the Legislature no later
30 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
31 of 2021; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
3 Taxation.
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