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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO  
EXAMINE WHETHER BED-HOLD POLICIES PLACE AN UNDUE FINANCIAL  
BURDEN ON INDIVIDUALS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES.

1           WHEREAS, assisted living facilities provide a great value  
2 and service to the State as long-term care facilities for  
3 residents; and  
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5           WHEREAS, according to the December 2021 report *The Elderly*  
6 *Population in Hawaii: Current Living Circumstances and Housing*  
7 *Options* issued by the Department of Business, Economic  
8 Development, and Tourism, the State has a total of seventeen  
9 assisted living facilities with 2,367 assisted living units; and  
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11           WHEREAS, each assisted living unit typically has the  
12 capacity to accommodate up to two residents, with rent ranging  
13 from \$3,800 to \$8,800 per month; and  
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15           WHEREAS, residents of assisted living facilities are  
16 generally elderly residents who require intermittent or  
17 occasional help with activities of daily living; and  
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19           WHEREAS, however, there are times when residents of  
20 assisted living facilities require acute or extended levels of  
21 care outside of assisted living facilities; and  
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23           WHEREAS, according to one study, close to twenty-five  
24 percent of Medicare residents are re-hospitalized within the  
25 first thirty days of the resident being transferred to an  
26 assisted living facility from a hospital; and  
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28           WHEREAS, when residents of assisted living facilities  
29 require temporary hospitalization, they often must pay for the



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1 dual costs of reserving their bed at the assisted living  
2 facility and their hospital stay; and

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4 WHEREAS, this practice of paying care facilities to reserve  
5 beds while the resident is temporarily absent is known as a bed-  
6 hold policy; and

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8 WHEREAS, the establishment of bed-hold policies in assisted  
9 living facilities may disproportionately affect vulnerable  
10 populations, such as elderly individuals, low-income  
11 individuals, and individuals with chronic illnesses, which could  
12 exacerbate existing health inequalities; and

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14 WHEREAS, in addition to imposing financial burdens on  
15 residents of assisted living facilities, especially those with  
16 limited financial resources, bed-hold policies may cause  
17 residents to delay or avoid medical care that could impact their  
18 health and well-being and lead to increased health care costs in  
19 the long-term due to preventable complications and emergency  
20 room visits; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
24 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
25 Health is requested to conduct a study to examine whether bed-  
26 hold policies place an undue financial burden on individuals in  
27 assisted living facilities; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
30 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
31 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
32 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
33 the Regular Session of 2025; and

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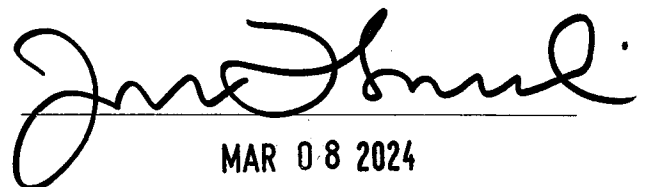
35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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