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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A COLLABORATIVE STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKFORCE SHORTAGES IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, certain public policy changes must be made to
2 address infrastructure and workforce deficiencies in the State
3 of Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, senior and disability advocates have called for a
6 shift in government emphasis from institutional to home- and
7 community-based services; and

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9 WHEREAS, a comprehensive needs assessment study must be
10 conducted to identify the various areas where necessary
11 infrastructure changes may be made;

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13 WHEREAS, the purpose of this Concurrent Resolution is to
14 effectuate the recommendations of the Maui Health Initiative
15 Task Force established pursuant to Act 219, Session Laws of
16 Hawaii 2007; now, therefore;

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Executive Office
21 on Aging shall lead a project, together with the Departments of
22 Health and Human Services, to conduct a comprehensive and
23 collaborative study to determine the feasibility and through
24 what methods the State may accomplish the following goals:

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26 (1) Increase the number of available long-term care
27 facility beds;
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29 (2) Increase the number of available nursing home beds;
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- 1 (3) Provide additional tax credit and real property
2 program incentives for private sector partnerships to
3 develop alternative long-term care facilities;
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- 5 (4) Assess funding needs at the Sunrise and Lokelani Ohana
6 programs for individuals with disabilities;
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- 8 (5) Develop and fund a sixty-bed veterans skilled care
9 facility with an in-patient psychiatric unit to offer
10 assessment and services;
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- 12 (6) Develop and fund a geriatric psychiatric unit or
13 specialty group home;
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- 15 (7) Develop and fund affordable housing units for low- and
16 middle-income seniors and individuals with
17 disabilities;
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- 19 (8) Develop legislation based on the concept of a home-
20 and community-based services index that would adjust
21 annual human services funding in response to certain
22 fluctuations in the senior and disability populations;
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- 24 (9) Together with the Hawaii delegation to the United
25 States Congress, rectify medicaid reimbursement
26 shortfalls by seeking frontier differential rates;
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- 28 (10) Address workforce shortfalls by establishing critical
29 long-term care pay differentials;
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- 31 (11) Develop the Maui community volunteer "care corps" tax
32 credit proposal;
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- 34 (12) Establish and fund a physician recruitment and
35 retention task force to complete a "fifty state
36 comparative study" to identify solutions for Hawaii;
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- 38 (13) Replicate the Maui "care corps" model within other
39 communities throughout the State;
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- 41 (14) Establish a tax credit for individuals caring for
42 senior family members at home;
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- 1 (15) Establish and fund low-interest state revolving fund
2 retrofit loans to modernize nursing home facilities,
3 and support alternative care providers such as
4 residential alternative community care, adult
5 residential care homes, and assisted living
6 facilities;
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- 8 (16) Establish and fund home modification counseling
9 programs that would offer low-interest retrofit loans
10 and grants for homeowners;
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- 12 (17) Establish uniform regulations and licensing procedures
13 for home- and community-based service programs under
14 the Department of Human Services;
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- 16 (18) Assess the funding needs of the Maui Long Term Care
17 Partnership's "saving for aging" public awareness
18 campaign that increases public awareness of the
19 difficulty in qualifying for medicaid and the
20 importance of personal financial planning for long-
21 term care;
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- 23 (19) Expand and fund the Hana Aging in Place Retrofit
24 Project as a county model for the prevention of falls
25 among seniors;
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- 27 (20) Assess the funding needs of the Department of Health's
28 public awareness campaigns concerning disease and
29 injury prevention services;
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- 31 (21) Increase the number and type of alternative and
32 complementary medicine options offered within Hawaii's
33 health care system through reimbursements and
34 privileges at all health care facilities;
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- 36 (22) Establish a center on aging at Maui Community College
37 to conduct research, education and training, policy
38 development, and advocacy;
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- 40 (23) Establish and fund a medical residency program for
41 Maui county;
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- 43 (24) Expand and fund the newly established education and
44 training curriculum at Maui Community College;



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- 2 (25) Allocate Department of Human Services nurse case
- 3 management fees to assisted living facilities that
- 4 employ registered nurses;
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- 6 (26) Permit nursing delegation in nursing facilities as is
- 7 currently done in home and community care settings;
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- 9 (27) Expand oral care services;
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- 11 (28) Establish a pilot central Maui "greenhouse" program to
- 12 support the development of "greenhouses" and
- 13 "greenhouse culture"; and
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- 15 (29) Adopt terms and definitions related to home- and
- 16 community-based services and long-term care in the
- 17 Hawaii health performance plan; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the project shall submit a
 20 report to the Legislature, including its findings,
 21 recommendations, and drafts of any proposed legislation, no
 22 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
 23 Session of 2009; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Directors of the
 27 Executive Office on Aging, the Director of the Department of
 28 Health, and the Director of the Department of Human Services.

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