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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE
CENTER ON AGING AND TO RE-OPEN THE GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE
PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, in 1988 the University of Hawaii Board of Regents
2 established the Center on Aging; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Center on Aging was created to encourage
5 interdisciplinary research, education, and service in the area
6 of Gerontology; and

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8 WHEREAS, for several years, the University of Hawaii
9 administration provided adequate funding for the Center on Aging
10 to fulfill the above stated goals; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Center on Aging fulfilled its mission by
13 facilitating a number of interdisciplinary research grant
14 proposals such as:

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16 (1) Establishing two certificate programs for
17 undergraduate and graduate students and community
18 professionals;
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20 (2) Encouraging new gerontology courses to be offered in
21 various departments at the University of Hawaii at
22 Manoa;
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24 (3) Offering gerontology training to faculty members
25 throughout the University of Hawaii system;
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27 (4) Producing a thirteen-hour public television series and
28 college telecourse on aging which aired nationally on
29 over one hundred Public Broadcasting Service stations;
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1 (5) Providing consultation, research assistance, training
2 programs, and program development help to numerous
3 state agencies and community organizations; and
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5 WHEREAS, since 1993, the University of Hawaii reduced its
6 funding to the Center on Aging to only support one secretarial
7 position, and yet, despite this restricted funding, the Center
8 was able to accomplish the many activities which have been
9 briefly described above; and
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11 WHEREAS, for many years, Dr. Kathryn Braun served as
12 volunteer director of the Center on Aging, using part of her
13 salary to employ staff and faculty, making it possible to
14 continue the Center's activities; and
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16 WHEREAS, in the past twenty years, the Center on Aging has
17 competed for and received many grants and contracts which
18 enabled them to carry out the mission intended by the Board of
19 Regents; and
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21 WHEREAS, many of the graduates of the University of Hawaii
22 Gerontology certificate programs have gone on to occupy
23 positions of importance in aging programs in Hawaii and
24 elsewhere; and
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26 WHEREAS, these certificate programs are no longer in
27 operation, due to lack of faculty to provide the needed course
28 work; and
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30 WHEREAS, University of Hawaii faculty interested in
31 Gerontology have, at the request of the administration, produced
32 business plans to show how the Center on Aging could be
33 re-invigorated in order to serve the needs of the State and the
34 Asia-Pacific region; and
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36 WHEREAS, despite its many positive accomplishments, the
37 University of Hawaii administration has not provided adequate
38 support for the Center on Aging; and
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40 WHEREAS, the Barbara Cox Anthony estate recently provided a
41 \$2 million gift to the University of Hawaii to support
42 Gerontology activities, however, this funding has not been
43 received by the Center on Aging; and
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1 WHEREAS, with its rapidly expanding older population, the
 2 State of Hawaii has a great need for a Center on Aging to help
 3 deal with the many, complex problems which this population
 4 expansion produces; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
 7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
 8 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
 9 Hawaii administration is urged to immediately expand its support
 10 for the Center on Aging, and take such steps as are necessary to
 11 re-open the University's gerontology certificate programs; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University
 14 is requested to provide a report to the Legislature on the
 15 progress of the Gerontology certificate programs no later than
 16 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 17 2010; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 21 President of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the Director of
 22 the University of Hawaii Center on Aging, the Chair of the
 23 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, and the Director of the
 24 Executive Office on Aging.
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