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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL AND  
MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY  
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND WAI`ANAЕ'S INDEPENDENTLY OPERATED  
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Health seeks to improve the  
2 mental health of Hawaii's people by reducing the prevalence of  
3 emotional disorders and mental illnesses; and  
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5           WHEREAS, services include mental health education,  
6 treatment, and rehabilitation through community-based mental  
7 health centers and private providers of services; and  
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9           WHEREAS, there are nine community health centers in Hawaii  
10 that provide mental health services; and  
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12           WHEREAS, of the State's nine community health centers, Hale  
13 Na`au Pono, also known as the Wai`anae Coast Community Mental  
14 Health Center, is the only private nongovernmental organization;  
15 the other eight centers operate under the Department of Health;  
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18           WHEREAS, the transformation of the mental health services  
19 in the State of Hawaii has been of primary concern of everyone  
20 associated with such services, garnering a major federal grant  
21 over several years for that purpose; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the cost and quality of service in the State's  
24 mental health system has been a source of major concern and  
25 outcry among the people of Hawaii; and  
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27           WHEREAS, Hale Na`au Pono originally operated as part of the  
28 statewide system of mental health centers during the mid-1970's,  
29 but it eventually separated from the Department of Health as a



1 demonstration model to serve the Wai`anae community as a separate  
2 "catchment" area; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hale Na`au Pono incorporated in 1986 and opened its  
5 doors as a private community-operated center in 1987, and, for the  
6 past twenty-two years, it has continued to serve the Wai`anae  
7 coast community and has accrued Commission on Accreditation of  
8 Rehabilitation Facilities accreditation, recognition in its  
9 leadership role for quality of service, and acclaim for its  
10 cultural and social appropriateness of services and unique  
11 recovery program called Voyage to Recovery; and  
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13 WHEREAS, Hale Na`au Pono has developed a range of services  
14 far in excess of any state-operated Community Mental Health  
15 Center, including a wide range of clinical levels of services,  
16 housing programs across the community, an International Center  
17 for Clubhouse Development-certified alcohol and drug treatment  
18 program, smoking cessation program, and numerous other support  
19 services to aid in the recovery from serious mental illnesses;  
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22 WHEREAS, there appears to be a lack of parity between  
23 salary, benefits, cost reimbursements, staffing  
24 qualifications, and other operational requirements between the  
25 state-run Community Mental Health Centers and the Wai`anae  
26 Community Mental Health Center; and  
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28 WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to carry out a comparative  
29 study of this twenty-two year old Wai`anae demonstration  
30 community mental health center and the state-operated community  
31 mental health centers that examines costs, contracts, national  
32 accreditations, services provided, quality of services,  
33 consumer satisfaction, and other relevant subjects; now,  
34 therefore,  
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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature  
37 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the House of  
38 Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is requested to  
39 conduct a financial, program, and management audit of the  
40 Department of Health's community based mental health centers and  
41 the Wai`anae Coast Community Mental Health Center, Hale Na`au  
42 Pono; and  
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44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to



1 include in the financial, program, and management audit:

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- 3 (1) An assessment of all contracts issued to all of the
- 4 community health centers, including Hale Na`au Pono;
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- 6 (2) A cost analysis of operations comparing the state-run
- 7 centers and Hale Na`au Pono;
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- 9 (3) A comparison of salaries and benefits of comparable
- 10 positions at state-run centers and Hale Na`au Pono;
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- 12 (4) A comparison of the accreditation standards met over
- 13 the past two decades by the state-run centers and Hale
- 14 Na`au Pono;
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- 16 (5) The respective credentialing and certification or
- 17 licensing of the professional staff employed by state-
- 18 run centers and Hale Na`au Pono; and
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- 20 (6) Any other issues the Auditor deems relevant; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adult Mental Health Division  
 23 of the Department of Health, the community health centers operated  
 24 by the Department of Health, Hale Na`au Pono, and other relevant  
 25 persons or agencies are requested to cooperate with and assist  
 26 the Auditor and to provide information requested by the Auditor;  
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 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
 30 submit any findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
 31 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior  
 32 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

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 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Auditor,  
 36 the Director of Health, and the President and Chairperson of the  
 37 Executive Committee of Hale Na`au Pono.

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OFFERED BY:

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