HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF ALL COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES RECEIVING MEDICAID FUNDING OR SUBSIDIZING INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID.

WHEREAS, the nature and extent of the current fiscal crisis has necessitated a re-evaluation of government-provided programs and services, including social safety net programs and services; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to locate cost-savings within existing social safety net programs and services to preserve them for Hawaii's vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, one of the largest means of funding social safety net programs and services is the federal Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is a partnership program administered by states and funded from federal and state revenues; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid serves as a source of funding for long-term care programs for the elderly and services for adults and children with developmental disabilities and medically fragile conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program will generally not cover long-term care services for a recipient who is not residing in a medical institution, but has provided an exception for those recipients in one of the programs that fall under the Department of Human Service's Home and Community Based Waiver Program; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program also subsidizes eligible individuals in other home and community-based environments including Adult Residential Care Homes, Community Care Foster Family Homes, Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary Homes, and Developmental Disabilities Apartment Complexes; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the proper use and maximization of the federal and state Medicaid funds provided for these home and
community-based programs and services is paramount to ensuring
their preservation while allowing the state to remain fiscally
responsible; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
of 2010, that the Auditor is requested to perform a management
and financial audit of all community-based programs and services
receiving Medicaid funding or subsidizing individuals eligible
for Medicaid for:

(1) The biennium period extending from July 1, 2007, to
June 30, 2009; and

(2) The fiscal year extending from July 1, 2009, to June
30, 2010;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the management and financial
audit include:

(1) Medicaid costs per patient per program for each fiscal
year;

(2) Discussion of factors impacting any increase or
decrease in the Medicaid costs per patient per program
for each fiscal year; and

(3) Any additional information related to the proper use
and maximization of Medicaid funds used for these
purposes;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor report all findings
and recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days
prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of Human Services, and Director of Health.

OFFERED BY: John M. Nagle

MAR 10 2010