
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AMONG THE ELDERLY.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of
2 health and safety for all people of Hawaii; and

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4 WHEREAS, the aging population is steadily increasing each
5 year and, according to the United States Census Bureau, by 2050,
6 the population of people over the age of sixty-five in the
7 United States is expected to be eighty million; and

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9 WHEREAS, technology and medicine have enabled people to
10 live longer, treat sexually transmitted diseases, and engage in
11 sexual activities at an older age; and

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13 WHEREAS, national studies have shown that people older than
14 the age of fifty are less likely to get tested for sexually
15 transmitted diseases and are more likely to engage in
16 unprotected high risk sexual activities; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned about the number of
19 persons over the age of sixty-five living with or contracting
20 sexually transmitted diseases in Hawaii; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of
23 increasing awareness and prevention of sexually transmitted
24 diseases among persons over sixty-five; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that there is a lack of
27 research and information in Hawaii on sexually transmitted
28 diseases among persons over the age of sixty-five; now,
29 therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
4 requested to conduct a study on sexually transmitted diseases
5 among persons over the age of sixty-five, including statistics
6 on prevalence, use of protection, awareness of infection,
7 testing, and available outreach, prevention, and treatment
8 programs within the State; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health report
11 its findings to the Legislature and recommendations no later
12 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
13 of 2013; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of
17 Health.
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OFFERED BY: John M. [Signature]

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