
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY AND BENEFITS OF
ESTABLISHING CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE FEES TO SUPPORT
CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services has cut its
2 budget by approximately \$129,000,000 over the biennium with the
3 Med-QUEST Division sustaining the greatest loss of \$75,000,000
4 in state funds over the biennium; and

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6 WHEREAS, the need for services provided by the Department
7 of Human Services has grown to unprecedented numbers due to the
8 economic downturn, job losses, and wage and benefit reductions;
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11 WHEREAS, at the close of fiscal year 2011, the average
12 monthly Med-QUEST enrollment was at 272,218 persons, an increase
13 of 1.3 percent over fiscal year 2010; and

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15 WHEREAS, one of the key indicators of the growing need for
16 services provided by the Department of Human Services is the
17 spike in enrollment in Med-QUEST programs over a five-month
18 period at the end of fiscal year 2011, which reflected an
19 increase of 4.3 percent; and

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21 WHEREAS, another alarming indicator of growing need and
22 poverty is the increase in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
23 Program, which rose to 77,133 families, an increase of 15.3
24 percent compared to fiscal year 2010; and

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26 WHEREAS, to compensate for the budget shortfall of
27 \$75,000,000 in state funds over the biennium, the Department of
28 Human Services will reduce medical services for non-disabled,
29 non-pregnant adults in fiscal year 2012, and also reduce
30 eligibility from 200 percent to 133 percent of the federal
31 poverty level for non-disabled, non-pregnant adults; and



1 WHEREAS, in addition, private contractors and child welfare
2 service contracts suffered budget cuts of \$38,000,000 and
3 \$5,800,000, respectively, for fiscal year 2011; and
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5 WHEREAS, other state governments charge fees for licensures
6 and certifications as revenue-producing activities to offset
7 their human services budgetary deficits; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2012, that the Department of Human Services is requested to
12 conduct a study to:
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- 14 (1) Evaluate the benefits and feasibility of charging and
15 collecting licensure and certification fees, including
16 temporary and re-licensure and re-certification fees,
17 for Department of Human Services' programs, including
18 adult day care programs, such as adult day care and
19 adult day hospitals, community care foster family
20 homes, community case management agencies, and the
21 nurse aide training program with certifications for
22 qualified programs; and
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- 24 (2) Determine which states charge fees for such licensure
25 and certification and determine the best practices
26 employed by those states; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Human Services
29 is requested to report its findings and recommendations, along
30 with any suggested legislation, to the Legislature no later than
31 20 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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