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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO ASSESS THE
FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY OF
ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE AND FOSTER HOME FACILITIES UNDER A
SINGLE DEPARTMENT.

1 WHEREAS, adult residential care and foster home facilities
2 are important options for elderly persons who require living
3 assistance in Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State has a compelling interest in ensuring
6 that adult residential care and foster home facilities are
7 properly regulated so that they are able to deliver safe,
8 quality, and low-cost care in the most efficient manner
9 possible; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Hawaii has a very
12 complex system of community-based residential care settings for
13 the elderly, including Adult Residential Care Homes, Extended
14 Care Adult Residential Care Homes, Community Care Foster Family
15 Homes, and Assisted Living Facilities; and
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17 WHEREAS, there exists a division of responsibility for
18 regulating and overseeing residential care facilities for the
19 elderly in Hawaii: the Department of Health is responsible for
20 licensing Adult Residential Care Homes, Extended Care Adult
21 Residential Care Homes, and Assisted Living Facilities, whereas
22 the Department of Human Services is responsible for licensing
23 Community Care Foster Family Homes; and
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25 WHEREAS, although a study conducted by the Auditor in 2002
26 recommends that the Departments of Health and Human Services
27 continue to separately regulate adult residential care and
28 foster home facilities, Hawaii stakeholders continue to
29 recommend that regulation be consolidated under a single agency
30 to improve the quality of care they provide; and
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32 WHEREAS, efficiency dictates that a single government
33 agency oversee all aspects of adult residential care and foster
34 home facilities, so that an integrated, comprehensive home and



1 community-based residential care system can be implemented; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
6 that the Auditor is requested to conduct a study to determine
7 the feasibility of a single agency overseeing all aspects of
8 adult residential care and foster home facilities; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor's study include an
11 assessment of the current state allocation of responsibilities
12 for quality assurance across departments, a review of the
13 standards and inspection processes for residential care
14 facilities and nursing homes, and recommendations for an
15 integrated management strategy for adult residential care and
16 foster home facilities; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor's study include
19 proposed amendments to existing law necessary to effectuate the
20 recommendations of the study; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
23 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed
24 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
25 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of Human
29 Services, Director of Health, and Hawaii Long-Term Care
30 Commission.

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