REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER ON AGING TO CONVENE A
TASK FORCE TO ASSESS CURRENT ELDER AND KUPUNA CARE SERVICES
AND THE ANTICIPATED DEMAND FOR THOSE SERVICES IN ORDER TO
IMPROVE THOSE SERVICES AND MEET ANTICIPATED DEMAND.

WHEREAS, currently, 238,000 Hawaii residents, constituting
18.7 percent of Hawaii's total population, are aged 60 and
older, and by 2030, this age group is projected to constitute
more than one-fourth, or 27.4 percent, of the State's
population; and

WHEREAS, while Hawaii's population is expected to increase
by 21 percent between 2000 and 2030, the number of people 60
years and older is expected to increase by 93.8 percent, and the
number of people 85 years and older is expected to increase by
174.7 percent during the same period; and

WHEREAS, the large aging population will have a major
impact on the organization and delivery of healthcare, with a
shift from acute to chronic illnesses, such as heart disease,
cancer, stroke, chronic lower respiratory diseases, Alzheimer's
disease, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the Kupuna Care Program was enacted in 1999 to
address the needs of Hawaii's aging population and the issues
arising from those needs; and

WHEREAS, the Kupuna Care Program is considered to be an
alternative to traditional long-term care options with the goal
of enabling Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and
dignified lives in their own homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Kupuna Care Program offers services that
provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers, and
access to affordable and quality home- and community-based
services, including hot meals, transportation, case management, and personal care assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is currently difficult to find trained providers and trainers in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, demand for kupuna care services will increase as the number of aging adults increases; and

WHEREAS, the State needs a work force that is well-trained in elder care and kupuna services to meet the demands of the populace; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the House of Representatives concurring, that the University of Hawaii Center on Aging is requested to convene a task force to review current elder and kupuna care services and the anticipated demand for those services, and determine requirements for adequate training, workforce expansion, service expansion, and financing to improve the current situation and meet anticipated demand; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to conduct a preliminary economic analysis of the cost for primary kupuna care services, adequate training, workforce expansion, service expansion, and financing to improve the current elder and kupuna care services and meet anticipated demand; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Center on Aging is requested to invite the following members to serve on the task force:

(1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;

(2) The Director of Human Services or the Director's designee;

(3) The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations or the Director's designee;
(4) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism or the Director's designee;

(5) The Director of the Executive Office on Aging or the Director's designee;

(6) The Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs or the Chair's designee;

(7) The Chair of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council or the Chair's designee;

(8) The Director of the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health or the Director's designee;

(9) The Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency or the Director's designee;

(10) The Dean of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine or the Dean's designee;

(11) The Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene or the Dean's designee;

(12) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work;

(13) The Executive Director of Kokua Mau or the Executive Director's designee;

(14) The City and County of Honolulu Executive of the Elderly Affairs Division or the Executive's designee;

(15) The Hawaii County Executive of the Office of Aging or the Executive's designee;

(16) The Kauai County Executive on Aging or the Executive's designee;

(17) The Maui County Executive of the Office on Aging or the Executive's designee;
(18) One representative from the nursing home industry;

(19) One representative from the adult residential care home industry;

(20) One representative from the home care services industry;

(21) An advocate from the private sector who has personal experience as a caregiver; and

(22) One representative from AARP Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to report its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health; Director of Human Services; Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of the Executive Office on Aging; Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Chair of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council; Director of the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health; Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Dean of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine; Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene; Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work; Executive Director of Kokua Mau; City and County of Honolulu County Executive of the Elderly Affairs Division; Hawaii County Executive of the Office of Aging; Kauai County Executive on Aging; Maui County Executive of the Office on Aging; and Executive Director of AARP Hawaii.