SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES AND AGREEMENTS TO BETTER COORDINATE SERVICES PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, the State has a responsibility to provide support and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, so that these individuals may live self-determined lives; and

WHEREAS, several state departments are responsible for various support and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, lack of coordination regarding the services and planning activities of the various state departments results in gaps in the spectrum of needed services, duplication of services, lack of clarity in responsibility for services, and poorly articulated inter-agency programs, thereby reducing the quality of programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, because of specific mandates of the departments, it is essential that a body responsible for coordinating services and planning for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities be established outside the departments responsible for support and services; and

WHEREAS, community participation is a major goal of the State, thus state and county agencies should adopt policies and regulations that will support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to fully participate in their communities; and
WHEREAS, family support is another major goal of the State
when providing families of children with disabilities the
support services necessary to support the family, including
enabling families of children with intellectual and
developmental disabilities to nurture and enjoy their children
at home; enabling families of children with disabilities to make
informed choices and decisions regarding the nature of support,
resources, services, and other assistance made available to the
families; and supporting family caregivers of adults with
disabilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Developmental
Disabilities Council, established pursuant to section 333E-3,
Hawaii Revised Statutes, is requested to convene a working group
to identify strategies and agreements to better coordinate
services provided to individuals with intellectual and
developmental disabilities and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
to include the following:

(1) A representative from the Developmental Disabilities
Division of the Department of Health;

(2) A representative from the Division of Vocational
Rehabilitation of the Department of Human Services;

(3) A representative from the Med-QUEST Division of the
Department of Human Services;

(4) A representative from the Workforce Development
Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial
Relations;

(5) A representative from the Workforce Development
Council;

(6) A representative from the Special Parent Information
Network;
(7) A representative from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center;

(8) A representative from the Center on Disability Studies;

(9) Parents and family members of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

(10) Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to provide recommendations to the impacted divisions and council on how to improve the coordination and provision of services and the application process for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, including but not limited to:

(1) Tests and procedures used to determine eligibility;

(2) Timelines related to any notifications connected to eligibility determinations;

(3) Service planning process and formats for eligible individuals;

(4) Budgets;

(5) The appeals process;

(6) Training for any individuals working in or affected by services supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

(7) Any other areas that may contribute to a more consumer-responsive system of service and support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health; Director of Human Services; Executive Administrator of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Administrator of the Developmental Disabilities Division, Department of Health; Administrator of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Human Services; Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division, Department of Human Services; Administrator of the Workforce Development Division, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Executive Director of the Disability and Communication Access Board; Coordinator of the Special Parent Information Network; and Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council.