
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE'S KUPUNA CAUCUS TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON
ELDER ABUSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION AND SUPPORT TO THE KUPUNA CAUCUS.

1 WHEREAS, the problem of elder abuse is a priority of the
2 Legislature; and

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4 WHEREAS, there are many types of abuse, including financial
5 abuse, mental abuse, physical abuse, and the threat of imminent
6 abuse; and

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8 WHEREAS, an array of state agencies and service groups in
9 the private sector are actively involved in discussions with the
10 Legislature; and

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12 WHEREAS, there are legal considerations including proof,
13 definitions, penalties, interpretations, and overlapping
14 jurisdictions that also accompany the discussions of abuse; and

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16 WHEREAS, by the year 2020, approximately one of every four
17 people in Hawaii will be 60 years-of-age or older; and

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19 WHEREAS, methods to assist families and their elders
20 through the creation of public or private mechanisms to resolve
21 disputes of a family member abusing an elderly relative must be
22 discussed and explored; and

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24 WHEREAS, agencies such as the Department of Human Services,
25 Department of Health, and Attorney General, and service
26 organizations such as AARP Hawaii, the Coalition of Care Home
27 Administrators, Foster Family Association, Hawaii Health Care
28 Association, ARC of Hawaii, Developmental Disabilities Council,
29 Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Long Term Care
30 Association, and many others, are all stakeholders in this
31 important discussion; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature's
4 Kupuna Caucus is requested to conduct a study on the
5 contributing factors of elder abuse, methods of prevention, care
6 for elder abuse victims, and any other relevant matters relating
7 to elder abuse; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kupuna Caucus is requested
10 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
11 including proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
12 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
13 2008; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
16 Services is requested to provide information and administrative,
17 clerical, and technical support to the Kupuna Caucus; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
21 Services, the Director of Health, the Attorney General, and the
22 members of Kupuna Caucus.

