
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF HALE NA'AU PONO AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS' DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES TO RESIDENTS STATEWIDE.

1 WHEREAS, in 1987, the Waianae Coast Community Mental Health
2 Center, Inc., dba Hale Na'au Pono, a private nonprofit
3 corporation, was created on the Waianae coast of Oahu in
4 response to the acknowledged inadequate delivery of mental
5 health services by the Department of Health to the Waianae
6 coast, including Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae, Makaha, and Makua;
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9 WHEREAS, Hale Na'au Pono is intended to serve as a model to
10 provide a wide range of culturally and socially sensitive,
11 community-based, behavioral health services for children and
12 adults, including substance abuse and therapeutic foster care;
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15 WHEREAS, of the State's nine community health centers, Hale
16 Na'au Pono is the only private nongovernmental organization --
17 the other eight operate under the Department of Health; and

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19 WHEREAS, Hale Na'au Pono has received prestigious awards
20 including the Managed Behavioral Healthcare Leadership Award at
21 the 1999 National Managed Health Care Congress; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is
26 requested to conduct a financial and management audit of Hale
27 Na'au Pono and the Department of Health's community health



1 centers' delivery of mental health services to residents
2 statewide; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
5 include in the financial and management audit:
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- 7 (1) A cost analysis of operations comparing the state-run
8 centers and Hale Na'au Pono;
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- 10 (2) A comparison of salaries and benefits of comparable
11 positions;
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- 13 (3) The respective credentialing and certification or
14 licensing of the professional staff employed; and
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- 16 (4) Any other issues the Auditor deems relevant; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
19 submit any findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
20 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
21 Session of 2008, including any necessary proposed legislation;
22 and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the
26 Director of Health, and the President and Chairperson of the
27 Executive Committee of Hale Na'au Pono.
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