
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS,
SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF
FAMILY CAREGIVING NEEDS IN THE DESIGN OF NEW RESIDENCES.

1 WHEREAS, family caregiving has always been a universal
2 experience of all ethnicities, lifestyles, and income levels;
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5 WHEREAS, due to a shortage of care providers in Hawaii,
6 family caregiving has become a critical element of our health
7 and long-term care system; and
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9 WHEREAS, the need for personal care assistance due to
10 physical, sensory, cognitive, and self-care disabilities
11 increases with age; and
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13 WHEREAS, by 2020, more than one in four individuals is
14 expected to be sixty years of age or older; and
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16 WHEREAS, as Hawaii's population ages, many more families
17 will be providing higher levels of long-term care to frail and
18 disabled older adults at home; and
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20 WHEREAS, the design of a residence can enhance or impede
21 the independence and mobility of its occupants as they age; and
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23 WHEREAS, the design of a residence can also enhance or
24 impede a family caregiver's capacity to provide assistance to
25 frail and disabled older adults at home; and
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27 WHEREAS, the National Academy of Science has recommended
28 that professional training in architecture include information
29 on the range of capabilities and limitations of the aging
30 population so that these factors can be incorporated into
31 designs; and
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