
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING EACH COUNTY TO EXAMINE ITS CURRENT ZONING LAWS,
BUILDING CODES, AND SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS AND ELIMINATE
ENCUMBRANCES TO FAMILY CAREGIVING AND AGING IN PLACE.

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 2010, more than fourteen per cent of the
14 residents of Hawaii will be over the age of sixty-five years;
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17 WHEREAS, as Hawaii's population ages, many more families
18 will be providing higher levels of long-term care to frail and
19 disabled older adults at home; and
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21 WHEREAS, local communities must be prepared to accommodate
22 their aging population; and
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24 WHEREAS, the rise in the number of older Hawaii residents
25 will impact every aspect of local communities, including
26 housing, transportation, land use planning, civic engagement,
27 and parks and recreation; and
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29 WHEREAS, in the area of housing, for instance, local
30 communities should plan for the modification of existing homes,
31 development of institutional- and community-based services such
32 as assisted living facilities and adult day care, and zoning



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1 changes to allow different types of housing units within
2 existing neighborhoods; and

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4 WHEREAS, planning should be done now to support aging in
5 place in the community and to accommodate those facilities and
6 services that will make aging in place possible; and

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8 WHEREAS, each county should examine its current zoning
9 laws, building codes, and subdivision requirements and eliminate
10 encumbrances to family caregiving and aging in place as may be
11 appropriate to meet our aging population's needs; now,
12 therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
16 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that each county is
17 requested to examine its current zoning laws, building codes,
18 and subdivision requirements and eliminate encumbrances to
19 family caregiving and aging in place as may be appropriate to
20 meet our aging population's needs; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Honolulu,
24 Mayor of Hawaii, Mayor of Kauai, Mayor of Maui, Chair of the
25 Honolulu City Council, Chair of the Hawaii County Council, Chair
26 of the Kauai County Council, Chair of the Maui County Council,
27 Acting Director of the Honolulu Department of Design and
28 Construction, Director of the Honolulu Department of Planning
29 and Permitting, Director of the Hawaii County Planning
30 Department, Director of the Kauai County Department of Planning,
31 and Director of the Maui County Department of Planning.

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