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## HOUSE 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, that the Legislature's Kupuna Caucus is  
4 requested to conduct a study on the contributing factors of  
5 elder abuse, methods of prevention, care for elder abuse  
6 victims, and any other relevant matters relating to elder abuse;  
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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 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services, the  
21 Director of Health, the Attorney General, and the members of  
22 Kupuna Caucus.

