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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM AUDIT
OF HAWAII'S INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
2 as amended, provides enabling legislation for the establishment
3 of a network of independent living centers for persons with
4 disabilities in the United States; and

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6 WHEREAS, independent living centers are consumer-
7 controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential,
8 private nonprofit agencies that aim to maximize the independence
9 of individuals with disabilities and promote their integration
10 into the mainstream of American society; and

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12 WHEREAS, the core required minimum services of an
13 independent living center are information and referral,
14 independent living skills training, peer counseling, and
15 advocacy; and

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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii Centers for Independent Living receives
18 significant federal Rehabilitation Act funds and state general
19 funds; and

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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii Centers for Independent Living has had a
22 high staff turnover and an exodus of board members within the
23 past four years resulting in a lack of continuity of services;
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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned as to whether Hawaii
27 Centers for Independent Living is meeting its core function; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned as to whether
30 independent living services are available to the full spectrum
31 of persons with disabilities; now, therefore,
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S.C.R. NO. 81

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
 4 requested to conduct a financial and program audit of the Hawaii
 5 Centers for Independent Living in the State of Hawaii; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit determine the extent
 8 to which:

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 10 (1) The Hawaii Centers for Independent Living is
 11 fulfilling the mission of providing core services;
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 13 (2) The board of directors is meeting its oversight and
 14 fiduciary responsibilities; and
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 16 (3) State or federal agencies providing funding are
 17 monitoring program outcomes, financial management
 18 practices, and consumer satisfaction; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor report its findings
 21 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
 22 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President and
 26 Executive Director of the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living,
 27 the Director of Human Services, the Administrator of the
 28 Vocational Rehabilitation and Services to the Blind Division,
 29 and the Council President and Executive Director of the
 30 Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii.
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OFFERED BY:



 By Request

