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## SENATE 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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33           WHEREAS, certain physical attributes of housing can support  
34 therapeutic activities and aging-in-place, such as the basic  
35 partitioning of the building; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects,  
3 Surveyors and Landscape Architects should promote awareness of  
4 family caregiving needs in the design of new residences; now,  
5 therefore,  
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,  
9 that the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors  
10 and Landscape Architects is requested to promote awareness of  
11 family caregiving needs in the design of new residences; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of  
15 Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape  
16 Architects; and the Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa,  
17 School of Architecture.  
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OFFERED BY: *[Signature]*  
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