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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EXPAND AND EXTEND ITS
CURRENT LAND LEASE WITH LEAHI HOSPITAL TO FACILITATE
CAMPUS-WIDE MASTER PLANNING AND LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT OF
GERIATRIC AND LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, as Hawaii's population ages and its social,
2 economic, and health conditions change, the need for more long-
3 term care alternatives that are accessible, affordable, and
4 comprehensive persists; and

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6 WHEREAS, the existing long-term care infrastructure does
7 not adequately support current needs and the aging of the
8 State's "baby boomer" population will significantly increase
9 those needs; and

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11 WHEREAS, it is imperative that that additional long-term
12 care resources are established; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State is lagging behind in support systems
15 that accommodate Hawaii's frail elders as geographic, social,
16 economic, and cultural barriers leave a large number of elder
17 and disabled persons without adequate support; and

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19 WHEREAS, faced with a rapidly growing elder population in
20 Hawaii, a severe shortage of nursing home beds, and the rising
21 cost of long-term care, an infrastructure needs to be created
22 that will facilitate an alternative community-based program that
23 is comprehensive, prevents institutionalization, and contains
24 long-term care costs; and

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26 WHEREAS, Leahi Hospital's long-term vision and plan for a
27 geriatric center of excellence is a beginning toward positive
28 infrastructure building that will address long-term care needs
29 while incorporating complementary services and medical training
30 partnerships; and

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32 WHEREAS, this long-term plan will be more feasible with an
33 extension and expansion of Leahi Hospital's current land lease
34 from the University of Hawaii; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
 4 that the University of Hawaii is requested to extend and expand
 5 the current land lease agreement with Leahi Hospital, identified
 6 as the Kaimuki Tract, block 49, Kapahulu, Honolulu, Hawaii as
 7 identified on Tax Map 3-2-31 (C.S.F. No. 14, 161), and other
 8 property located adjacent to Kilauea and Sunset Avenues, for
 9 seventy-five years or more to allow for the effective
 10 development and implementation of a campus master plan that will
 11 benefit those in need of long-term health care; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Resolution be transmitted to the President and Board of Regents
 15 of the University of Hawaii, the Chief Executive Officer of
 16 Leahi Hospital, the President of the Hawaii Health Systems
 17 Corporation, and the Director of Health.

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