
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO SUPPORT
ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE LANAKILA MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR
CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center was
2 founded forty years ago and presently serves almost two thousand
3 seniors aged sixty and older living in the area between Fort
4 Shafter and Ward Avenue on Oahu; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center,
7 currently operated by the nonprofit Catholic Charities Hawaii,
8 offers over fifty programs, services, and classes to seniors
9 that include seven cultural clubs, ethnic clubs, health and
10 fitness classes, recreational and educational activities, arts
11 and crafts, singing and musical instrument instruction, and
12 classes in hula, tap dance, and ethnic Japanese, Korean, and
13 Portuguese dance; and
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15 WHEREAS, special workshops offered include tax preparation,
16 stress management, health maintenance, and defensive driving;
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19 WHEREAS, the Center also publishes a monthly newsletter,
20 which notifies its readers of recent criminal activity, advises
21 seniors of preventive safety measures to take, and informs them
22 of various activities and volunteer programs; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Center's budget is nearly \$400,000 per year,
25 with a little more than half coming from a combination of
26 private donations and Department of Health funds; and
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28 WHEREAS, grants-in-aid from the Legislature usually make up
29 the remainder of the Center's budget but such funds were not
30 received in fiscal year 2008-2009, which temporarily threatened
31 to close the Center; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is a
34 vital alternative that keeps seniors active, healthy, aware, and





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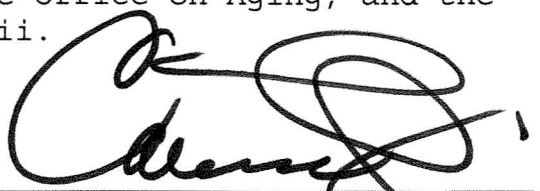


1 engaged, thereby helping seniors to age in place and avoid very
2 costly institutionalization; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2009, that the Governor and the Director of Health are urged
7 to support adequate funding in the amount of \$337,000 for the
8 Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
12 Health, the Director of the Executive Office on Aging, and the
13 President of Catholic Charities Hawaii.

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