
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO INVENTORY THE
ELDERLY SERVICES AND FAMILY AND ELDERLY DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE
ISLANDS OF MOLOKAI AND LANAI AND THE EAST MAUI AREA.

1 WHEREAS, many elderly individuals on the islands of Molokai
2 and Lanai and in the district of Hana are subject to multiple
3 risks, including homelessness, language barriers, abuse,
4 unemployment, poverty, and lack of transportation at any given
5 time; and

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7 WHEREAS, social determinants of health complicate the
8 ability to address elderly health concerns and pose challenges
9 to elderly patients and providers in identifying, assessing, and
10 treating health problems; and

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12 WHEREAS, providing non-clinical services for the elderly
13 that are designed to address gaps in care by qualified staff
14 from the community, who build relationships and trust with their
15 patients, can reduce social determinants of health barriers and
16 address issues such as housing, transportation, interpretation,
17 economic security, and linkage and coordination with providers
18 of other services, such as education, behavioral health, and
19 employment services; and

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21 WHEREAS, failure to address the social determinants of
22 health and provide other enabling services for the elderly,
23 including care coordination, often result in costlier,
24 preventable health care costs such as hospitalizations and
25 emergency-room utilization; and

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27 WHEREAS, traditional health care and payment for health
28 care do not address social determinants of health related to
29 language, culture, economic and livelihood security,
30 environmental quality, transportation, and many other barriers
31 individuals face to utilize health care services; and



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2 WHEREAS, health care costs for the elderly could be reduced
3 with improved access to primary care services and risk
4 adjustment for social determinants of health and other enabling
5 services; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured populations
8 have significant socioeconomic pressures, which if addressed
9 will result in measurable improvement in preventable health care
10 costs; and
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12 WHEREAS, differences among population groups exist;
13 therefore, disaggregation of assessment data by race, age,
14 gender, socioeconomic status, education level, and geography is
15 vital to addressing social determinants of health; and
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17 WHEREAS, an inventory of existing services available for
18 the elderly on the islands of Molokai and Lanai and in the
19 district of Hana is critical for determining the need for
20 additional services and for making appropriate referrals for
21 service; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Executive
26 Office on Aging is requested to create an inventory of the
27 elderly services available on the islands of Lanai and Molokai
28 and in the area of East Maui, specifically Keanae, Wailuanui,
29 Hana, Kipahulu, and Kaupo; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inventory on elderly services
32 of the islands of Lanai and Molokai and in the area of East Maui
33 include:
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- 35 (1) Long-term care services;
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37 (2) Health services;
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39 (3) Financial education;
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41 (4) Identity theft services;
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43 (5) Transportation;
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(6) Hospitals;

(7) Emergency and ambulatory services;

(8) Meal delivery services;

(9) Personal care services;

(10) Community care foster family homes;

(11) Adult day care centers or programs;

(12) Adult day health centers;

(13) Adult residential care homes;

(14) Foster care homes;

(15) Independent living facilities; and

(16) Housing loan programs that offer deposit and first month's rental loans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging is requested to research the following demographics of the islands of Lanai and Molokai and the area of East Maui:

(1) The number of families;

(2) The number of children;

(3) The number of elders living above the poverty income level;

(4) The number of elders living below the poverty income level;

(5) The percentage of elders living with other family members; and

(6) The percentage of elders living alone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human



1 Services; and the County of Maui Council on Aging are requested
2 to assist the Executive Office on Aging in gathering the
3 information requested by this measure; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging
6 is requested to submit a report to the Legislature, not later
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
8 of 2015, containing the inventory of the elderly services, the
9 population data, and its recommendation of services to the
10 elderly that are needed and not available on the islands of
11 Molokai and Lanai and in the district of Hana; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
15 Executive on Office on Aging; the Director of Business, Economic
16 Development, and Tourism; the Director of Human Services; the
17 Chair of the County of Maui Council on Aging; and the Director
18 of the County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns.
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