
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A FAMILY CAREGIVERS WORKING GROUP TO
EXAMINE AND ASSESS LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE ROLE OF
CAREGIVERS OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITALS.

1 WHEREAS, many patients who are discharged from the hospital
2 require continued care at home; and
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4 WHEREAS, because of costs and other factors, family
5 caregivers are increasingly called upon to provide such care;
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8 WHEREAS, based on estimates from 2009, there were 247,000
9 family caregivers in Hawaii; and
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11 WHEREAS, caregiver advocates in Hawaii believe that the
12 amount of instruction that family caregivers currently receive
13 from hospitals depends largely on the individual hospital
14 treating the patient; however, there is a need to provide a
15 minimum and consistent level of instruction for all caregivers
16 statewide; and
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18 WHEREAS, hospitals face greater pressure from the federal
19 government and private insurers to avoid the readmission of
20 patients within thirty days of their initial discharge; and
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22 WHEREAS, hospitals presently provide discharge plans for
23 all patients, which may or may not involve family caregivers;
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26 WHEREAS, the hospital members of the Healthcare Association
27 of Hawaii remain concerned about how legislation would affect
28 factors such as liability, cost, and implementation; and
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1 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 296, introduced during the Regular
2 Session of 2015, includes provisions that seek to address many
3 of these concerns; and
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5 WHEREAS, the working group that was created by H.C.R. No.
6 78, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2014, was unable to reach
7 consensus and unable to submit a written report of its findings
8 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
9 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015, as
10 directed; and
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12 WHEREAS, there must be an even balance between caregiver
13 advocates and hospitals in the membership of the working group;
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16 WHEREAS, the working group is scheduled to dissolve on
17 June 30, 2016; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the co-chairs, as
22 identified in this measure, are requested to convene a Family
23 Caregivers Working Group to examine and assess issues contained
24 in S.B. No. 296, Regular Session of 2015, including but not
25 limited to:
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- 27 (1) The role of family caregivers;
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- 29 (2) The state of the current practice of designating
30 family caregivers;
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- 32 (3) Notification of family caregivers when a hospital
33 discharges a patient or transfers a patient to another
34 licensed facility;
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- 36 (4) Family caregivers' involvement in discharge planning
37 and instruction;
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- 39 (5) The role of hospitals in the instruction of family
40 caregivers; and
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- 42 (6) Providing legislative and regulatory recommendations
43 on how best to involve family caregivers in the



1 patient-discharge process and prepare family
2 caregivers for post-discharge tasks; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the participation of the
5 following individuals is invited:
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- 7 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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- 9 (2) A representative from AARP Hawaii;
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- 11 (3) A representative from the Healthcare Association of
12 Hawaii;
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- 14 (4) A representative from the Kokua Council;
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- 16 (5) Six representatives of private hospitals or long-term
17 care facilities in Hawaii;
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- 19 (6) A representative from the Policy Advisory Board for
20 Elder Affairs;
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- 22 (7) A representative from the Hawaii Association of Health
23 Plans;
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- 25 (8) The Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health
26 Systems Corporation or the Chief Executive Officer's
27 designee;
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- 29 (9) A representative from International Longshore and
30 Warehouse Union Local 142 Hawaii;
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- 32 (10) A representative from the Hawaii Family Caregiver
33 Coalition;
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- 35 (11) A representative from each of the county Area Agencies
36 on Aging;
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- 38 (12) A representative from Project Dana;
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- 40 (13) A representative from the Hawaii Alliance for Retired
41 Americans;
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1 (14) A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of
2 the Senate, who shall serve as co-chair of the Family
3 Caregivers Working Group; and
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5 (15) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
6 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall
7 serve as co-chair of the Family Caregivers Working
8 Group; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs of the Family
11 Caregivers Working Group:

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13 (1) Listen to the discussions and presentations made by
14 all members of the Family Caregivers Working Group;
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16 (2) Report on areas of agreement, the concerns of the
17 various stakeholders, and any solutions proposed by
18 the various members;
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20 (3) Analyze public and private community-based resources
21 that are available throughout the State; and
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23 (4) Make recommendations, as appropriate; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Family
26 Caregivers Working Group not vote on any findings,
27 recommendations, or proposed solutions; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
30 Bureau:

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32 (1) Provide logistical support to the co-chairs of the
33 Family Caregivers Working Group, as requested by the
34 co-chairs; and
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36 (2) Prepare and draft any reports produced by the Family
37 Caregivers Working Group; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Family Caregivers Working
40 Group cease to exist on December 1, 2015; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group created by
43 H.C.R. No. 78, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2014, cease to



1 exist on the date of the adoption of this Concurrent Resolution
2 by both houses of the Legislature; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no action taken or not taken by
5 the Family Caregivers Working Group shall in any way prohibit or
6 forestall legislative action by the House of Representatives,
7 the Senate, or both; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chief
11 Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation,
12 Director of Health, Director of the Legislative Reference
13 Bureau, Hawaii County Office of Aging, Maui County Office of
14 Aging, County of Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs, Elderly
15 Affairs Division of the City and County of Honolulu Department
16 of Community Services, AARP Hawaii, Healthcare Association of
17 Hawaii, Kokua Council, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,
18 Hawaii Association of Health Plans, International Longshore and
19 Warehouse Union Local 142 Hawaii, Hawaii Family Caregiver
20 Coalition, Project Dana, and Hawaii Alliance for Retired
21 Americans.

