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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER ON AGING TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES, THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FREE SENIOR ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS.

1 WHEREAS, various government and private nonprofit entities
2 provide adult education services and opportunities for senior
3 citizens on Oahu; and
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5 WHEREAS, the members of the growing senior population
6 benefit intellectually, socially, and physically from productive
7 engagement in their community; and
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9 WHEREAS, senior participation in free or low cost education
10 courses often enhances the diversity and perspectives for all
11 students in these classes; and
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13 WHEREAS, the quantity and quality of educational
14 opportunities for adult and senior residents can benefit from a
15 conscientious and thoughtful review of these programs; and
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17 WHEREAS, these services often complement each other but can
18 sometimes be duplicative; and
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20 WHEREAS, offering the same or similar services at multiple
21 locations can be inefficient; and
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23 WHEREAS, funding for the provision of services to seniors
24 is limited; and
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26 WHEREAS, coordinating and consolidating some University of
27 Hawaii and Department of Education adult education opportunities
28 and programs at selected locations and utilizing the savings to
29 offer new learning opportunities may benefit seniors and be more
30 economical; and
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1 WHEREAS, the potential to improve the delivery of adult
2 education services to seniors should be carefully examined so
3 that decision-makers have clear bases for supporting programs
4 and allocating funding; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging is designated by
7 state law as the lead agency in the coordination of a statewide
8 system of aging and caregiver support services in the State; and

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10 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Center on Aging can
11 provide research, data, and policy recommendations on issues
12 relating to Hawaii's aging population; and

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14 WHEREAS, senior advocate organizations such as Kokua
15 Council have a longstanding involvement in promoting healthy and
16 meaningful opportunities for Hawaii's seniors; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
20 that the Executive Office on Aging and the University of Hawaii
21 Center on Aging are requested to convene an adult education
22 working group to review adult education services and
23 opportunities presently offered to seniors, consider whether it
24 would be effective to consolidate some programs in order to
25 provide new and improved learning opportunities, and explore
26 other potential education programs that might be beneficial to
27 seniors; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Office on Aging
30 and the University of Hawaii Center on Aging are encouraged to
31 include in the working group representatives from the:

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33 (1) Department of Education;
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35 (2) University of Hawaii Center on Aging;
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37 (3) University of Hawaii Vice President for Academic
38 Affairs;
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40 (4) University of Hawaii Vice President for Community
41 Colleges;
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1 (5) Outreach College of the University of Hawaii at Manoa;

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3 (6) AARP Hawaii; and

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5 (7) Kokua Council; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members are requested to
8 select a chair of the working group from among themselves; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
11 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
12 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
13 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
14 of 2017; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
18 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Chancellor of
19 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, President of the University
20 of Hawaii, Executive Director of AARP Hawaii, and President of
21 Kokua Council.

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