
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES COUNCIL TO
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO COORDINATE ALL SERVICES PROVIDED
TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

1 WHEREAS, the State has a responsibility to provide support
2 and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental
3 disabilities, so that these individuals may live self-determined
4 lives; and

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6 WHEREAS, several State departments are responsible for
7 various support and services to individuals with intellectual
8 and developmental disabilities; and

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10 WHEREAS, lack of coordination among the services and
11 planning activities of the various State departments results in
12 gaps in the spectrum of needed services, duplication of
13 services, lack of clarity in responsibility for services, and
14 poorly articulated inter-agency programs, thereby reducing the
15 quality of programs for individuals with intellectual and
16 developmental disabilities; and

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18 WHEREAS, because of specific mandates of the departments,
19 it is essential that a body responsible for coordinating
20 services and planning for individuals with intellectual and
21 developmental disabilities be established outside the
22 departments responsible for support and services; and

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24 WHEREAS, community participation is a major goal of the
25 State, thus state and county agencies should adopt policies and
26 regulations that will support individuals with intellectual and
27 developmental disabilities and their families to fully
28 participate in their communities; and

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1 WHEREAS, family support is another major goal of the State
2 when providing families of children with disabilities the
3 support services necessary to support the family, including
4 enabling families of children with disabilities to nurture and
5 enjoy their children at home; enabling families of children with
6 disabilities to make informed choices and decisions regarding
7 the nature of support, resources, services, and other assistance
8 made available to the families; and supporting family caregivers
9 of adults with disabilities; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
13 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Developmental
14 Disabilities Council is requested to convene a working group to
15 coordinate all services provided to individuals with
16 intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
20 to coordinate the services of the following:

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22 (1) Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department
23 of Health;
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25 (2) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the
26 Department of Human Services;
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28 (3) Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human
29 Services;
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31 (4) Disability Compensation Division of the Department of
32 Labor and Industrial Relations;
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34 (5) Workforce Development Division of the Department of
35 Labor and Industrial Relations; and
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37 (6) Workforce Development Council; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Hawaii Developmental
40 Disabilities Council is requested to provide advice and
41 recommendations to the impacted divisions and council on how to
42 improve provision of services and the application process to



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1 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and
2 their families, including but not limited to:

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4 (1) Tests and procedures used to determine eligibility;
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6 (2) Timelines related to any notifications connected to
7 eligibility determinations;
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9 (3) Content of service plans for eligible individuals;
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11 (4) Budgets;
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13 (5) The appeals process;
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15 (6) Training for any individuals working in or affected by
16 services supporting individuals with intellectual and
17 developmental disabilities; and
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19 (7) Any other areas that would or could contribute to a
20 more consumer-responsive system of service and
21 support; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the impacted divisions and
24 council are requested to report to the working group on these
25 factors, including quantified data, if applicable, no later than
26 October 1, 2020; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
29 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and
30 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
31 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
32 of 2021; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health;
36 Director of Human Services; Director of Labor and Industrial
37 Relations; Administrator of the Developmental Disabilities
38 Division, Department of Health; Administrator of the Division of
39 Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Human Services;
40 Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division, Department of Human
41 Services; Administrator of the Disability Compensation Division,
42 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Administrator of



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1 the Workforce Development Division, Department of Labor and
2 Industrial Relations; and Executive Director of the Workforce
3 Development Council.
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