
HOUSE 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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30 WHEREAS, family support is another major goal of the State
31 when providing families of children with disabilities the
32 support services necessary to support the family, including



1 enabling families of children with disabilities to nurture and
2 enjoy their children at home; enabling families of children with
3 disabilities to make informed choices and decisions regarding
4 the nature of support, resources, services, and other assistance
5 made available to the families; and supporting family caregivers
6 of adults with disabilities; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
10 2019, that the Hawaii Developmental Disabilities Council is
11 requested to convene a working group to coordinate all services
12 provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental
13 disabilities and their families; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
16 to coordinate the services of the following:

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18 (1) Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department
19 of Health;
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21 (2) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the
22 Department of Human Services;
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24 (3) Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human
25 Services;
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27 (4) Disability Compensation Division of the Department of
28 Labor and Industrial Relations;
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30 (5) Workforce Development Division of the Department of
31 Labor and Industrial Relations; and
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33 (6) Workforce Development Council; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Hawaii Developmental
36 Disabilities Council is requested to provide advice and
37 recommendations to the impacted divisions and council on how to
38 improve provision of services and the application process to
39 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and
40 their families, including but not limited to:

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42 (1) Tests and procedures used to determine eligibility;



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- 2 (2) Timelines related to any notifications connected to
- 3 eligibility determinations;
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- 5 (3) Content of service plans for eligible individuals;
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- 7 (4) Budgets;
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- 9 (5) The appeals process;
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- 11 (6) Training for any individuals working in or affected by
- 12 services supporting individuals with intellectual and
- 13 developmental disabilities; and
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- 15 (7) Any other areas that would or could contribute to a
- 16 more consumer-responsive system of service and
- 17 support; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the impacted divisions and
 20 council are requested to report to the working group on these
 21 factors, including quantified data, if applicable, no later than
 22 October 1, 2020; and

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

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