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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
12 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of  
13 Representatives 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;  
17 and

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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



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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