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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL TO  
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES AND  
AGREEMENTS TO BETTER COORDINATE 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 regarding 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



1 support services necessary to support the family, including  
 2 enabling families of children with intellectual and  
 3 developmental disabilities to nurture and enjoy their children  
 4 at home; enabling families of children with disabilities to make  
 5 informed choices and decisions regarding the nature of support,  
 6 resources, services, and other assistance made available to the  
 7 families; and supporting family caregivers of adults with  
 8 disabilities; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 11 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the Hawaii  
 12 Developmental Disabilities Council, established pursuant to  
 13 section 333E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is requested to convene  
 14 a working group to identify strategies and agreements to better  
 15 coordinate services provided to individuals with intellectual  
 16 and developmental disabilities and their families; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
 19 to include the following:  
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- 21 (1) A representative from the Developmental Disabilities  
 22 Division of the Department of Health;  
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- 24 (2) A representative from the Division of Vocational  
 25 Rehabilitation of the Department of Human Services;  
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- 27 (3) A representative from the Med-QUEST Division of the  
 28 Department of Human Services;  
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- 30 (4) A representative from the Workforce Development  
 31 Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial  
 32 Relations;  
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- 34 (5) A representative from the Workforce Development  
 35 Council;  
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- 37 (6) A representative from the Special Parent Information  
 38 Network;  
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- 40 (7) A representative from the Hawaii Disability Rights  
 41 Center;  
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- 1 (8) A representative from the Center on Disability
- 2 Studies;
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- 4 (9) Parents and family members of individuals with
- 5 intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
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- 7 (10) Individuals with intellectual and developmental
- 8 disabilities; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
 11 to provide recommendations to the impacted divisions and council  
 12 on how to improve the coordination and provision of services and  
 13 the application process for individuals with intellectual and  
 14 developmental disabilities and their families, including but not  
 15 limited to:

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- 17 (1) Tests and procedures used to determine eligibility;
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- 19 (2) Timelines related to any notifications connected to
- 20 eligibility determinations;
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- 22 (3) Service planning process and formats for eligible
- 23 individuals;
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- 25 (4) Budgets;
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- 27 (5) The appeals process;
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- 29 (6) Training for any individuals working in or affected by
- 30 services supporting individuals with intellectual and
- 31 developmental disabilities; and
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- 33 (7) Any other areas that may contribute to a more
- 34 consumer-responsive system of service and support; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
 37 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and  
 38 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later  
 39 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
 40 of 2021; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health; Director of  
3 Human Services; Executive Administrator of the State Council on  
4 Developmental Disabilities; Administrator of the Developmental  
5 Disabilities Division, Department of Health; Administrator of  
6 the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Human  
7 Services; Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division, Department of  
8 Human Services; Administrator of the Workforce Development  
9 Division, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;  
10 Executive Director of the Disability and Communication Access  
11 Board; Coordinator of the Special Parent Information Network;  
12 and Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council.

