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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM; THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF AGING; AND THE COUNTY OF HAWAII OFFICE OF AGING TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE NECESSITY AND FEASIBILITY OF A SENIOR LIVING CENTER IN THE KA'U DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's aging population is expected to increase; and

WHEREAS, seventeen percent of Hawai'i's existing population consists of seniors, sixty-five years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, a recent report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that Hawai'i has the highest life expectancy in the United States for those over sixty-five years of age; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this study, data from the 2020 Decennial Census provides the most recent and accurate information and will be available beginning October 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i Office of Aging is responsible for assessing the needs of the county's older adult population and determining the kinds and amounts of services required to meet those needs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Executive Office of Aging, in coordination and cooperation with the County of Hawai'i Office of Aging, is requested to complete a study regarding the necessity and feasibility of a senior living center to support the population of the Ka'u district and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the County of Hawai'i Office of the Mayor no later than January 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the County of Hawai'i Office of the
Mayor; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
the Director of the Office of Aging; and Administrator of the
County of Hawai'i Office of Aging.