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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE CREATION OF A SUSTAINABILITY FUND FOR THE COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOME AND EXPANDED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, the pilot Community Care Foster Family Home
2 (CCFFH) program was started in 1979 by The Queen's Medical
3 Center, where it began receiving Medicaid funding under a
4 federal Medicaid waiver in 1984, initially under the direction
5 of the Department of Human Services and is presently situated in
6 the Department of Health; and

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8 WHEREAS, the CCFFH program is currently serving
9 approximately three thousand patients, with the potential for
10 even greater capacity; and

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12 WHEREAS, the 1984 CCFFH federal Medicaid waiver was
13 approved based on its success as a high-quality alternative to
14 nursing home placement for Medicaid patients that costs two-
15 thirds or less than the cost of placement in a nursing home; and

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17 WHEREAS, the level of CCFFH reimbursement has not kept pace
18 with that two-thirds target ratio, resulting in a 2020
19 reimbursement rate to CCFFH providers that is approximately one-
20 sixth the rate of nursing home placements; and

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22 WHEREAS, nursing facilities in the State do not have enough
23 beds to accommodate patients requiring the level of care
24 provided in nursing facilities, and the CCFFH and Expanded Adult
25 Residential Care Home (E-ARCH) programs grant patients
26 additional options to receive adequate care; and

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28 WHEREAS, the CCFFH and E-ARCH programs allow reduction of
29 hospital stays by patients requiring nursing home level of care
30 and provide relief to families caring for a family member
31 requiring nursing home level of care, which thereby leads to a
32 reduction of morbidity and mortality in patients requiring
33 nursing home level of care; and

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1 WHEREAS, although the CCFFH and E-ARCH programs provide the
2 same level of care for patients at nursing facilities, unlike
3 the sustainability fund established for nursing facilities,
4 there is no similar fund directly related to CCFFH and E-ARCH;
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7 WHEREAS, establishing a CCFFH and E-ARCH sustainability
8 fund will provide an affordable system for long-term care for
9 patients outside of nursing facilities; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
13 that the Department of Human Services is requested to convene a
14 working group to explore creation of a sustainability fund for
15 the Community Care Foster Family Home and Expanded Adult
16 Residential Care Home programs; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the working
19 group is urged to consist of:

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- 21 (1) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
22 President of the Senate;
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 - 24 (2) One member of the House of Representatives, to be
25 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives;
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 - 28 (3) One representative from the Executive Office on Aging;
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 - 30 (4) One representative from the Healthcare Association of
31 Hawaii;
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 - 33 (5) One representative from the American Association of
34 Retired Persons (AARP) Hawaii;
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 - 36 (6) One representative from the Community Care Foster
37 Family Home; and
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 - 39 (7) One representative from the Expanded Adult Residential
40 Care Home program; and
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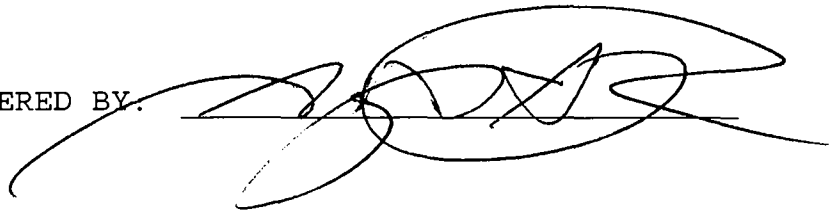
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
2 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
3 including any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later
4 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
5 of 2023; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Human
9 Services.

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