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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM, IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE  
OFFICE ON AGING AND COUNTY OF HAWAI'I OFFICE OF AGING, TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE NECESSITY AND FEASIBILITY OF  
ESTABLISHING A SENIOR LIVING CENTER IN THE KA'Ū DISTRICT.

1           WHEREAS, Hawai'i's aging population is projected to continue  
2 to grow; and

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

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

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11           WHEREAS, for purposes of this study, data from the 2020  
12 Decennial Census provides the most recent and accurate  
13 information; and

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15           WHEREAS, according to the American Community Survey 2019  
16 five-year estimates, the district of Ka'ū supports a population  
17 of 9,885 individuals, of which 2,519 or 25.5 percent were sixty  
18 years of age or older; and

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20           WHEREAS, seventeen percent of Ka'ū's elderly population live  
21 below the poverty level; and

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23           WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i Office of Aging is  
24 responsible for assessing the needs of the county's elderly  
25 adult population and determining the types and cost of services  
26 required to meet those needs; and

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1 WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i Office of Aging serves  
2 approximately two hundred forty-eight individuals, or twenty-  
3 five percent of the elderly population in Ka'ū through its home  
4 and community-based service programs, which aim to assist  
5 elderly adults in remaining active and independent; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,  
8 and Tourism is well-positioned to coordinate with the Executive  
9 Office on Aging and County of Hawai'i Office of Aging to conduct  
10 a comprehensive study to identify the need for improved services  
11 for the elderly population residing in the Ka'ū district, Hawai'i  
12 island; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
17 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, in coordination and  
18 cooperation with the Executive Office on Aging and County of  
19 Hawai'i Office of Aging, is requested to conduct a study  
20 regarding the necessity and feasibility of establishing a senior  
21 living center to support the elderly population of the Ka'ū  
22 district and submit a report of its findings and recommendations  
23 to the Legislature and the County of Hawai'i Office of the Mayor  
24 no later than January 1, 2023; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County  
28 of Hawai'i; Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
29 Tourism; Director of the Executive Office on Aging; and  
30 Administrator of the County of Hawai'i Office of Aging.

