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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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4 WHEREAS, seventeen 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 older adult
25 population and determining the kinds and amounts of services
26 required to meet those needs; and

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



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