
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE ADEQUACY OF ELDER CARE ON MOLOKAI AND LANAI, AND IN
EAST MAUI.

1 WHEREAS, as Hawaii's population ages, the need for long-
2 term care services and supports is also increasing; and
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4 WHEREAS, elder care serves the needs and requirements of
5 seniors to live comfortably and independently while receiving
6 assistance with daily activities and health care; and
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8 WHEREAS, on the neighbor islands, there are often few
9 options for senior care facilities, with family members living
10 miles, or even islands, apart; and
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12 WHEREAS, Lanai, Molokai, and East Maui are some of the most
13 rural communities in the State and may not currently have
14 adequate facilities and services to meet their growing elderly
15 populations; and
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17 WHEREAS, the significant increase in Hawaii's elder
18 population and increase in demand for facilities and services
19 will require an ongoing commitment to ensure that Hawaii's
20 kupuna, especially those who live on the neighbor islands, can
21 receive adequate care; and
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23 WHEREAS, an assessment on the adequacy of elder care
24 services on the neighbor islands, particularly on Lanai and
25 Molokai, and in East Maui, and how to improve elder care
26 services will help the State meet the ongoing present and future
27 needs of Hawaii's kupuna; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2023, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is



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1 requested to conduct a study on the adequacy of elder care on
2 the islands of Molokai and Lanai, and in East Maui; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting its study, the
5 Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to include an
6 investigation on how to quickly provide and finance, taking into
7 consideration best practices, long-term care, including long
8 term care services and supports in skilled nursing facilities,
9 adult residential care homes, assisted living facilities, and
10 elder care at home, for elderly individuals living on Molokai
11 and Lanai, and in East Maui; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
14 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
15 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
16 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the Regular Session of 2024; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
21 Reference Bureau.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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