
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE, HAWAII BROADBAND HUI, AND AARP HAWAI'I, TO DEVELOP A STANDARD TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR KUPUNA AND CAREGIVERS ON HOW TO SELECT AND PURCHASE APPROPRIATE BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY EQUIPMENT AND AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TABLETS, AND HOW TO OPERATE EQUIPMENT TO ACCESS TELEHEALTH SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, over seven million low-income seniors in America
2 are enrolled in Medicaid for their health coverage; and
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4 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has changed
5 the way many people access health care, making online doctor
6 visits a more common occurrence; and
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8 WHEREAS, telehealth and online doctor visits can increase
9 access to health care for the most vulnerable populations,
10 including those enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries;
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13 WHEREAS, technologies to increase access to care and health
14 outcomes, especially for kupuna and residents in rural areas of
15 the State, are limited due to lack of access to broadband
16 internet or unfamiliarity with computers and advancing
17 technologies; and
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19 WHEREAS, modern equipment such as tablets provide a simple
20 interface tailored to high-risk and older patients by featuring
21 brighter screens and larger icons; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging is the designated
24 lead agency in the coordination of a statewide system of aging
25 and caregiver support services in the State; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Executive Office
4 on Aging is urged to work in concert with the Hawaii Broadband
5 and Digital Equity Office, Hawaii Broadband Hui, and AARP
6 Hawai'i, to develop a standard training workshop for kupuna and
7 caregivers on how to select and purchase appropriate broadband
8 connectivity equipment and audio-visual equipment such as
9 tablets, and how to operate equipment to access telehealth
10 services; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that curriculum topics for the
13 standard training workshop are requested to include:

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15 (1) Establishing a reasonable budget related to broadband
16 access; and

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18 (2) Identifying reputable contractors in the area to
19 install and maintain broadband equipment; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
23 Executive Office on Aging, State Broadband Coordinator of the
24 Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office, Co-conveners of the
25 Hawaii Broadband Hui, and Executive Director of AARP Hawai'i.

