
SENATE 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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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
29 that the Executive Office on Aging is urged to work in concert



1 with the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office, Hawaii
2 Broadband Hui, and AARP Hawai'i, to develop a standard training
3 workshop for kupuna and caregivers on how to select and purchase
4 appropriate broadband connectivity equipment and audio-visual
5 equipment such as tablets, and how to operate equipment to
6 access telehealth services; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that curriculum topics for the
9 standard training workshop are requested to include:

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11 (1) Establishing a reasonable budget related to broadband
12 access; and
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14 (2) Identifying reputable contractors in the area to
15 install and maintain broadband equipment; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Executive
19 Office on Aging, State Broadband Coordinator of the Hawaii
20 Broadband and Digital Equity Office, Co-conveners of the Hawaii
21 Broadband Hui, and Executive Director of AARP Hawai'i.

