S.R. NO. ¹⁹ S.D. 1

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE TAX REVIEW COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE MEANS BY WHICH THE HAWAII LONG-TERM CARE FINANCING PROGRAM CAN BE IMPLEMENTED.

WHEREAS, the State passed Act 245, Session Laws of Hawaii 1 2002 (Act 245), on July 1, 2002, creating the Hawaii Long-Term 2 Care Financing Program (LTC Financing Program); and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, the LTC Financing Program is intended to provide universal and affordable long-term care for all eligible State 6 7 residents regardless of income; and 8 9 WHEREAS, the LTC Financing Program benefits are intended to be primary over long-term care benefits from private insurance 10 companies and Medicaid; and 11 12 WHEREAS, Act 245, codified at chapter 346C, Hawaii Revised 13 Statutes, only established a framework for the LTC Financing 14 Program and therefore, the details of the program, including how 15 to pay for it, remain undetermined; and 16 17 WHEREAS, in 2003, the Legislature passed S.B. No. 1088, 18 S.D. 2, H.D.2, C.D. 1 (2003), which proposed to establish a 19 Long-Term Care Income Tax Credit for amounts paid for purchase 20 of long-term care insurance but was vetoed by the Governor; and 21 22 WHEREAS, the Tax Review Commission is scheduled to convene 23 in 2025 pursuant to Chapter 232E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with 24 the purpose of conducting a systematic review of the State's tax 25 26 structure; now, therefore, 27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third 28 29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that the Tax Review Commission is requested to identify possible 30 means by which the Hawaii Long-Term Care Financing Program can 31 be implemented, including consideration of a revised version of 32 the Long-Term Care Income Tax Credit proposed in S.B. No. 1088, 33



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S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 (2003) and the findings listed in 1 Financing Long Term Care: A Report to the Hawaii State 2 3 Legislature, Executive Office on Aging, Office of the Governor, July 1991; and 4 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Review Commission is 6 7 requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 8 9 Legislature no later twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and 10 11 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report to the Legislature is requested to include the possible implementations, financing 13 14 mechanisms, and costs that may be associated with implementing and administering the Long-Term Care Financing Program; and 15 16 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Budget 18 and Finance, Director of Taxation, and Chairperson of the Tax 19 Review Commission. 20

