

1 HHS 2014-01 **Urging Community Support for Our Kupuna**

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3 Whereas, the first wave of baby boomers hit age 65 in 2011; and

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5 Whereas, Hawai'i 's 60+ population will increase by over 60% by 2030; and

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7 Whereas, approximately 270,000 kupuna and 170,000 family caregivers comprise over 440,000  
8 consumers or nearly 30% of Hawaii's total population and continues to grow; and now, therefore, be it

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10 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the Executive Office on Aging, County Area  
11 Agencies on Aging, private sector organizations, community volunteers and older adults to work together  
12 to help prepare for Hawaii's aging society by:

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- 14 1. Forging strategic partnerships and alliances that will give impetus to meeting Hawai'i 's  
15 greatest challenges for the aging population; and
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17 2. Supporting long-term services and supports system for each county's older adults and  
18 caregivers; and
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20 3. Developing a statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center system for kupuna and their  
21 'ohana to access and receive long-term services and supports information and resources  
22 within their respective counties; and
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24 4. Developing long-term services and supports social financing options that would stave off  
25 impoverishment due to costly health and nursing home care; and
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27 5. Maximizing opportunities for older adults to age well, remain active and enjoy quality lives  
28 while engaging in their communities; and be it
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30 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i , the Lt.  
31 Governor of the State of Hawai'i , the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and the  
32 Mayors and County Councils of each County in the State of Hawai'i .

1 **HHS 2014-02 Supporting an Expansion Of Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect**

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3 Whereas, The safety of the children of Hawai'i is of paramount importance; and

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5 Whereas, Certain people in their professional or volunteer activities may be in a unique position to notice  
6 signs of abuse and neglect; and

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8 Whereas, A person who has knowledge of or suspicion of abuse or neglect should have a legal as well as  
9 a moral obligation to report such abuse to the proper authorities; now, therefore, be it

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11 *Resolved*, By the Democratic Party of Hawai'i that the list of persons who shall be considered to be  
12 mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect shall be expanded to include:

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14 • Coaches, camp/youth camp or residential camp personnel or owners, or recreational/sports  
15 program or facility personnel or administrators, whether they are employees or volunteers,  
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17 • Members of the clergy and lay members of churches serving in a capacity in which  
18 they supervise or teach children, and  
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20 • Commercial film or photograph processors and producers; and be it

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22 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports appropriate training of all mandatory reporters;  
23 and be it

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25 *Resolved*, By the Democratic Party of Hawai'i that coaches, camp/youth camp or residential camp  
26 personnel or owners, or recreational/sports program or facility personnel or administrators shall be  
27 subject to background checks; and be it

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29 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State  
30 Legislature, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, to the heads of  
31 the counties and state regulatory bodies, and the members of the Hawai'i Congressional delegation.

1 HHS 2014-03 **Justice Reinvestment Initiative For Prisoners in Hawai'i**

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3 Whereas, The Department of Public Safety issued a Request for Information (RFI) "to assist the State of  
4 Hawai'i in learning more about potential approaches to designing, building, maintaining and financing for  
5 the new or expanded facilities"; and

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7 Whereas, In 2010, Hawai'i 's Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches committed to working with the  
8 Council of State Governments Justice Center's (herein "Justice Center") nationally recognized criminal  
9 justice policy experts to advance Justice Reinvestment in Hawai'i ; and

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11 Whereas, These analysts provided fiscally-sound, data-driven criminal justice policy recommendations to  
12 reduce the overall incarcerated population in order to break the cycle of recidivism and make our  
13 communities safer; and

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15 Whereas, The analysts from the Council of State Governments who conducted the research on Hawai'i 's  
16 criminal justice system never recommended building more correctional facilities, with public funding, or  
17 through public-private partnerships; and

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19 Whereas, According to the Justice Center, the actual and projected prison population is projected to  
20 decrease upon enactment of JR policies from 2012-2018 from 6,060 to 5,277 prisoners; and

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22 Whereas, Hawai'i 's incarcerated population has been driven by nonviolent drug lawbreakers; and

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24 Whereas, Some correctional facilities are In need of repair and renovation due to lack of maintenance;  
25 and

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27 Whereas, We do not tear down public schools simply because some renovations are needed, or the  
28 design is antiquated by "modern" standards, and

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30 Whereas, It is unconscionable to build more prisons when more cost-effective and evidence-based  
31 strategies exist that will reduce the incarcerated population, decrease recidivism, and increase public  
32 safety; now, therefore, be it

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34 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the Hawai'i State Legislature, Governor, and Chief  
35 Justice to fully implement and fund the Justice Reinvestment Initiative before planning to expand bed  
36 space for Hawai'i 's incarcerated individuals, and be it

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38 Hawai'i *Hawai'i Resolved*, That the State of Hawai'i be discouraged from continuing to contract with  
39 private prison corporations; and be it

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41 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State  
42 Legislature, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, State of  
43 Hawaii's Director of Department of Health, Director of the U.S. Department of Health and the members of  
44 the Hawai'i Congressional delegation, and the County Councils.

1 **HHS 2014-04 Resolution Calling for Neighborhood Specific Birth Defects Data Collection**

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3 Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i being concerned with promoting the health and well being of  
4 the general public and with providing information to the public to enable people to be educated and able  
5 to make informed choices concerning their own and their children's health; and

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7 Whereas, Studies that track birth defect clusters based on identifiable causes such as cumulative  
8 exposure to toxins associated with residential and workplace locations help to locate unhealthy conditions  
9 and prevent future birth defects; and

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11 Whereas, The more location precise the birth defect cluster data is documented within communities and  
12 neighborhood locations, the more helpful in locating specific toxic sites and applying the appropriate  
13 remedies thereby improving the environment for parents to conceive healthy babies; and

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15 Whereas, Such data must be state funded and managed by impartial parties to be free of corporate  
16 influence, to provide true and accurate information without any agenda other than protecting the public;  
17 now, therefore, be it

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19 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the State Legislature to seek state funding to fully  
20 implement the Hawai'i State Department of Health's surveys to collect precise neighborhood specific  
21 birth defect cluster data to be maintained and made available in a map format that is easy to comprehend  
22 by the public and made readily available to all; and be it

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24 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State  
25 Legislature, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, State of  
26 Hawaii's Director of Department of Health, Director of the U.S. Department of Health and the members of  
27 the Hawai'i Congressional delegation.

1 **HHS 2014-05 Resolution Calling for Neighborhood Specific Cancer Cluster Data Collection**

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3 Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i being concerned with the health and well being of the general  
4 public and with providing information to the public to enable people to be better educated and able to  
5 make more informed choices concerning their own health; and

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7 Whereas, Keeping an up to date, comprehensive, easily accessible, location precise data base map on  
8 cancer cases is a vital public health service; and

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10 Whereas, Studies that research cancer patient history based on cumulative exposure to toxins associated  
11 with residential and workplace locations can locate unhealthy conditions and thus help to prevent future  
12 and ongoing exposure to the public; and

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14 Whereas, The more location precise the cancer cluster data is within communities and specific areas, the  
15 more helpful in locating toxic sites and applying appropriate remedies, thereby improving the environment  
16 for healthy living; and

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18 Whereas, Such data collection and analysis must be government funded to be more likely free of  
19 corporate influence and managed by impartial parties to protect the public health; and now, therefore, be  
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22 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the State Legislature to provide state funding to  
23 fully implement the Hawai'i State Department of Health's surveys to collect neighborhood specific cancer  
24 cluster data collection program, that it remains free from unwarranted corporate influence, provide  
25 location specific cancer maps, kept current and made easily accessible to the public; and be it

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27 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State  
28 Legislature, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, State of  
29 Hawaii's Director of Department of Health, Director of the U.S. Department of Health and the members of  
30 the Hawai'i Congressional delegation.

1 HHS 2014-06 **Celebrating the Passage of Marriage Equality**

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3 Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has strongly supported Marriage Equality for over two  
4 decades by including it in our Platform and the passage of resolutions supporting its passage into law;  
5 now, therefore, be it

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7 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i commends and thanks the Honorable Neil Abercrombie,  
8 Governor of the State of Hawai'i , for the leadership he showed on September 9, 2013 when he called a  
9 Special Session to convene on October 28, 2013 to decide the destiny of Marriage Equality in the Aloha  
10 State; and be it

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12 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i commends and thanks those Democrats in the Hawai'i  
13 State Legislature who served during the Second Special Session of 2013 and strongly supported the  
14 Party Platform by voting for the passage of Marriage Equality; and be it

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16 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i calls upon its members to celebrate, as they each see fit,  
17 on December 2, 2014, which is the historic first anniversary of Marriage Equality finally being legally  
18 recognized in the Aloha State; and be it

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20 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to each Democrat who is a member of the Hawai'i  
21 State Legislature, as well as to the Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and to  
22 the Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i.