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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPROVE ITS DELIVERY  
OF SERVICES TO SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES BY  
RECONSIDERING THE RATES PAID TO INTENSIVE INSTRUCTIONAL  
SERVICES CONSULTANTS.

1           WHEREAS, since the lifting of the Felix consent decree in  
2 2005, the Department of Education has decreased its spending on  
3 special education contracts; and  
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5           WHEREAS, parents of special education students have noted  
6 that some services for their children have gradually been  
7 eliminated and that the number of available intensive  
8 instructional services consultants are being restricted; and  
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10           WHEREAS, services provided by intensive instructional  
11 services consultants include skills training, parent training,  
12 and supportive services for children with special needs; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the rates paid for these services have been  
15 changed, standardized, or capped by the Department of Education;  
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18           WHEREAS, the Legislature understands that there is a need  
19 to establish a standard rate for intensive instructional  
20 services consultants and that proposed consultant rates are  
21 scheduled to take effect July 1, 2007; and  
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23           WHEREAS, families in need of psychiatric services through  
24 the Department of Education may suffer or experience hardship  
25 due to the new rates paid to consultants; and  
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27           WHEREAS, given the requirements of the No Child Left Behind  
28 Act, the State of Hawaii can ill afford a loss of services to  
29 special needs children; now, therefore,  
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# H.C.R. NO. 124

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
4 Education is requested to review the discrepancies between the  
5 current rates paid to intensive instructional services  
6 consultants and the proposed rates that are scheduled to take  
7 effect on July 1, 2007, as well as determine the impact of the  
8 proposed rates on special needs students and their families; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
11 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the  
12 Legislature and to members of the general public prior to July  
13 1, 2007; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
16 requested to designate the area of Honoka'a on the island of  
17 Hawaii as "rural" to qualify for the nine per cent differential  
18 rate in intensive instructional services consultant rates; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
21 requested to engage behavioral health specialists, as well as  
22 parents of children in need of intensive instructional services  
23 consultants, in discussions using professional and unbiased  
24 facilitators to promote a positive exchange of information; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
28 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.  
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