
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OUTREACH SERVICES TO
HOMELESS INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, approximately 15 percent of the homeless
2 population in Hawaii are children; and
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4 WHEREAS, almost 1,800 children resided in emergency and
5 transitional shelters in Hawaii in 2004-2005; and
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7 WHEREAS, in 2006, approximately 1,000 children ages five
8 through 17 enrolled in Hawaii schools were homeless; and
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10 WHEREAS, homeless children are especially vulnerable to
11 malnutrition, physical abuse, disease, sexual exploitation,
12 illiteracy, and drug abuse; and
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14 WHEREAS, risks to homeless children become more acute where
15 the child suffers from a disability or has special needs; and
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17 WHEREAS, homeless children frequently lack access to basic
18 needs and services such as food, clothing, shelter, health care,
19 and education; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2007, that the Department of Human Services (DHS) and
24 Department of Education (DOE) are requested to develop programs
25 to provide medical check-ups for homeless children upon arrival
26 at homeless shelters, schedule educational activities within the
27 shelter for homeless children, and provide shelter employees
28 with training to address the special needs of children; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DHS is requested to:
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- 3 (1) Provide outreach services to homeless infants,
4 children, and youth who do not live in shelters;
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6 (2) Increase services targeted to homeless infants,
7 children, and youth;
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9 (3) Provide financial assistance to organizations that
10 serve homeless infants, children, and youth;
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12 (4) Offer a plan to increase efforts to provide basic
13 services and assistance to homeless infants, children,
14 and youth, including food, shelter, health,
15 transportation, and education, and also to address
16 issues that affect homeless children such as abuse,
17 neglect, exploitation, mental illness, drug abuse, and
18 the special needs of children with disabilities;
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20 (5) Offer a plan to increase funding for parent
21 participation programs and training; and
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23 (6) Coordinate the efforts of the Interagency Council on
24 Homelessness with the Interdepartmental Council for
25 Early Childhood Education;
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DHS and DOE are requested to
30 report its implementation plan to the Legislature no later than
31 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008;
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services,
36 Superintendent of Education, and Chairperson of the Board of
37 Education.

