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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE CAUCUSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Each house of the Hawaii state legislature has
2 had a keiki caucus and a kupuna caucus for many years. The
3 keiki caucus, established in December 1990, concentrates on
4 issues concerning the betterment of the lives of children and
5 youth. The kupuna caucus, established in January 2005,
6 concentrates on issues concerning the betterment of lives of
7 elders and grandparents, including aging, long-term care, and
8 elder abuse.

9 The keiki caucus and the kupuna caucus each hold
10 informational legislative meetings and briefings in the interim
11 session to gather information from community groups, from the
12 public in general, and from affected individuals in particular.
13 Government agencies also participate in the meetings and
14 briefings. Oftentimes, issues can be resolved at a meeting or
15 briefing by bringing public awareness to the problem and
16 encouraging dialogue among the parties. The legislature finds
17 that the keiki caucus and kupuna caucus perform an integral



1 function of the legislative process of information gathering,
2 problem solving, and making recommendations for change, hearing
3 the voice of persons who may otherwise not be heard.

4 The purpose of this Act is to establish the keiki caucus
5 and the kupuna caucus in statute.

6 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by
7 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
8 as follows:

9 "CHAPTER

10 LEGISLATIVE CAUCUSES

11 § -1 Keiki caucus; kupuna caucus; established. (a)

12 There is established a joint legislative keiki caucus to address
13 issues concerning the well-being, health, safety, and welfare of
14 children and youth.

15 (b) There is established a joint legislative kupuna caucus
16 to address issues concerning the aged and elderly.

17 (c) Membership of the joint legislative keiki caucus and
18 the joint legislative kupuna caucus shall consist of members of
19 both houses of the legislature. In addition, the legislative
20 members of the caucuses may decide to include youth-serving and
21 elderly-serving organization representatives and individuals of



1 the community as members of the caucus with regard to any
2 particular issue under consideration by the caucus."

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Keiki Caucus; Kupuna Caucus; Establishment

Description:

Establishes a joint legislative keiki caucus and a joint legislative kupuna caucus.

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