HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING TASK FORCE TO REVIEW EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING PILOT PROJECTS, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING SYSTEM IN HAWAII.

WHEREAS, neuroscience research demonstrates that a child's
 early years are the most crucial in the child's cognitive,
 social, emotional, and physical development; and

5 WHEREAS, early screening, identification, and intervention 6 for physical impairments, developmental delays, and psychosocial 7 problems can dramatically improve children's outcomes and have a 8 critical influence on school success and family functioning; and 9

10 WHEREAS, early screening, identification, and intervention 11 result in significant cost savings; and

13 WHEREAS, potential savings realized when a child does not 14 require special education programs can be as much as \$14,000 per 15 child per school year; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to provide each child with ongoing
access to quality primary health care that includes screening
for developmental delays, to ensure that the effects of these
delays are mitigated as soon as possible; and

22 WHEREAS, many of Hawaii's children do not have access to 23 quality primary health care and many parents are unaware of or 24 choose not to use available primary health care services; 25 therefore, many of Hawaii's children do not receive proper 26 screening, identification, evaluation, or referrals for 27 correction or treatment; and



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WHEREAS, Aloha United Way has implemented two pilot 1 2 projects on Oahu that provide early childhood developmental screening; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, preliminary findings from the projects show that twenty-one percent of the children screened have a problem that 6 requires follow-up services; and 7 8 9 WHEREAS, the projects indicate a need for a comprehensive outreach component to ensure families are aware of the need for 10 11 screening; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the projects also indicate that a case management component is important so that children who require follow-up 14 15 services can receive treatment; and 16 17 WHEREAS, early screening services are necessary to identify, mitigate, and treat developmental disabilities as 18 early as possible, and an integrated, universal developmental 19 20 screening system would clearly benefit the children of this 21 State; now, therefore, 22 23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 24 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is 25 requested to convene a Developmental Screening Task Force to 26 27 review Aloha United Way's Early Childhood Developmental 28 Screening pilot projects and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Center on Disability Studies' evaluation of those Early 29 Childhood Developmental Screening pilot projects; and 30 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is 32 33 requested to report, based on the Task Force's review, its findings and recommendations for the development of an 34 integrated, universal early childhood developmental screening 35 system in Hawaii; and 36 37 38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health submit its report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to 39 the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and 40 41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, 43



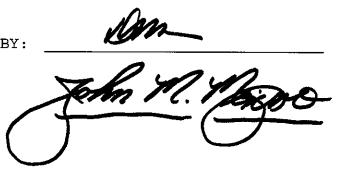
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