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

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H.C.R. NO. 265

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO RELEASE OR RESTORE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR PROGRAMS SERVING THE HOMELESS POPULATION ON THE LEEWARD COAST OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services provides crucial 2 financial support to the Partners in Development Foundation, 3 which assists homeless families on the Leeward coast of Oahu 4 through the Ka Pa'alana Traveling Preschool and Homeless Family 5 Education Program ("Ka Pa'alana"); and

7 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services has given notice 8 to Partners in Development Foundation of its intention to 9 terminate the contract that provides funding for Ka Pa'alana due 10 to a lack of available funds; and

12 WHEREAS, Ka Pa'alana delivers or provides access to 13 essential services, such as a modified center-based preschool experience; a parent-child participatory preschool that provides 14 services such as testing, portfolio assessment, referrals for 15 health and developmental needs, and parenting classes; adult 16 education services that include goal-setting, budgeting, 17 vocational training, job placement, and G.E.D. preparation; and 18 youth mentoring services that include tutoring, counseling, 19 20 self-esteem building, and parenting classes; and 21

WHEREAS, Ka Pa'alana further serves as an initial contact agency for families that are ready to transition to local shelters or temporary housing facilities; and 25

26 WHEREAS, Ka Pa'alana delivers food to needy families as well27 as educational and social services; and

29 WHEREAS, eliminating Department of Human Services funding 30 for Ka Pa'alana will severely diminish direct services to nearly 31 eight hundred children and over six hundred adults as well as 32 indirect services to an additional five hundred adults who

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receive food distribution or transitional services through a 1 2 family member; and

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WHEREAS, eliminating Department of Human Services funding for Ka Pa'alana eliminates fifteen to twenty full-time positions 5 at the Partners in Development Foundation; now, therefore, 7

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 9 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor of the State 10 of Hawaii is requested to release the funds that are necessary 11 12 for the Department of Human Services to fulfill SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT NO. 1 to Provide Early Childhood Education and Family 13 Education Programs Through the Ka Pa'alana Outreach Project on 14 the Leeward Coast (DHS-10-ETPO-159); or, if the release of the 15 16 full amount of funding necessary to fulfill the contract is not 17 possible, then the Governor is requested to restructure the executive budget or otherwise allow services provided through 18 the Ka Pa'alana Traveling Preschool and Homeless Family Education 19 20 Program to continue until the end of fiscal year 2010-2011, and consult with the Partners in Development Foundation to develop a 21 plan to continue these services through fiscal year 2011-2012; 22 23 and 24

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the 26 27 State of Hawaii, Director of Human Services, and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Partners in Development 28 29 Foundation.

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