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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING TO COLLABORATE
WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO ENCOURAGE CARE
PROVIDERS OF KEIKI AND KUPUNA TO CREATE INTERGENERATIONAL
SHARED SITES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF HAWAII'S COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, keiki and kupuna are some of Hawaii's greatest
2 treasures; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a historic and cultural tradition of
5 valuing family and multigenerational living; and

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7 WHEREAS, families are finding it increasingly more
8 difficult to provide for the care of their young children and
9 aging parents; and

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11 WHEREAS, many kupuna experience social isolation, which can
12 lead to loneliness and depression as well as mental and physical
13 decline, while, at the same time, many keiki miss out on the
14 wisdom and patience of kupuna as families are more often forced
15 to live apart; and

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17 WHEREAS, kupuna are currently undervalued in their capacity
18 to contribute to the community; and

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20 WHEREAS, intergenerational shared sites are settings where
21 children, youth, and older adults participate in services and
22 programs concurrently at the same site or on the same campus;
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25 WHEREAS, certain distinguished shared care sites in
26 Honolulu, Kapolei, and Kahului have had success in implementing
27 intergenerational programs; and

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29 WHEREAS, participants in these intergenerational programs
30 interact during regular planned intergenerational activities, as
31 well as through informal encounters; and



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2 WHEREAS, keiki and kupuna can learn values such as the
3 richness of lives lived, the bounds of friendship, an
4 appreciation of diversity, and insights into the different
5 stages of life from spending time together in intergenerational
6 shared sites; and
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8 WHEREAS, working adults can also take advantage of the
9 efficiency and effectiveness of having shared care sites for
10 families; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
14 that the Executive Office on Early Learning is requested to
15 collaborate with the Executive Office on Aging to encourage care
16 providers of keiki and kupuna to create intergenerational shared
17 sites for the betterment of Hawaii's communities; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Executive
21 Office on Early Learning and the Director of the Executive
22 Office on Aging.
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