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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE HOW  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAN MAXIMIZE MEDICAID  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED TO ELIGIBLE  
STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

1 WHEREAS, the federal Individuals with Disabilities  
2 Education Act and state laws require the Department of Education  
3 to provide a free appropriate public education, which includes a  
4 continuum of services, to students who are eligible for special  
5 education and related services; and

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7 WHEREAS, special education may include but is not limited  
8 to academic services, speech-language services, psychological  
9 services, physical and occupational therapy, counseling  
10 services, and parent education, all at no cost to parents; and

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12 WHEREAS, if a student is found eligible to receive special  
13 education, services are provided to the student through an  
14 individualized education plan, which is a written statement  
15 about the educational program for a child with a disability,  
16 serves as a management tool to ensure that the child receives  
17 the needed special education and related services, and is an  
18 evaluation device when used to determine the extent of the  
19 child's progress toward accomplishing projected goals; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of  
22 the Department of Health has a statewide mandate as a result of  
23 the Felix Consent Decree to work with the Department of  
24 Education to provide services to special education youth with  
25 severe mental health conditions and should be able to receive  
26 payment from MedQUEST for reimbursement for services provided to  
27 Medicaid eligible children and adolescents; and

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29 WHEREAS, because of how critical it is for all students to  
30 receive a quality public education, this body recognizes that a  
31 review of the Department of Education's effectiveness and  
32 efficiency in maximizing Medicaid reimbursements for support  
33 services to eligible students is necessary; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2018, that a working group be established to examine how the  
4 Department of Education can maximize Medicaid reimbursement for  
5 support services offered to eligible students during school  
6 hours; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include the  
9 following members:

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11 (1) The Superintendent of Education, or the  
12 Superintendent's designee;  
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14 (2) The MedQUEST Administrator, or the Administrator's  
15 designee;  
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17 (3) A MedQUEST health care services representative;  
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19 (4) The Deputy Attorneys General representing the  
20 Department of Human Services and Department of Health,  
21 or their respective designees;  
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23 (5) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, to  
24 serve as co-chair; and  
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26 (6) The Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on  
27 Education, to serve as co-chair; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group convene on  
30 August 1, 2018; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the working group's  
33 examination on maximizing Medicaid reimbursement for support  
34 services offered during school hours by the Department of  
35 Education, include but not be limited to:

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37 (1) Occupational and physical therapy;  
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39 (2) Speech pathology;  
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41 (3) Applied behavior analysis; and  
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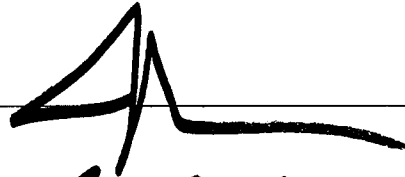


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(4) Other wellness supports that benefit a student's learning and growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education, Attorney General, MedQUEST Division Administrator, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, and Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Education.

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