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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ALLOW FOR ZONING VARIANCES TO  
EXPAND EARLY EDUCATION ACCESS PROGRAMS IN MAUI.

1           WHEREAS, providing each child with access to early  
2 childhood learning is critical to a child's growth and  
3 development of physical, cognitive, linguistic, social, and  
4 emotional skills that are necessary to prepare them for success  
5 in school life; and  
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7           WHEREAS, investments in early childhood learning help to  
8 more fully prepare children for kindergarten, which then  
9 dramatically improves the child's academic success and ultimate  
10 career opportunities; and  
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12           WHEREAS, well-executed and well-targeted early learning  
13 programs have immediate and long-term benefits not only for the  
14 children participating in the programs, but also for the  
15 societies in which they live, which boast higher levels of  
16 educational attainment; reduced homelessness, crime, and  
17 substance abuse; improved health; and better overall social and  
18 economic well-being; and  
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20           WHEREAS, it is important to prioritize early learning  
21 despite the challenges the State has had to face with the  
22 COVID-19 pandemic; and  
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24           WHEREAS, early childcare providers have expressed a desire  
25 for more flexible zoning variances in order to expand early  
26 educational opportunities where appropriate; now, therefore,  
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28           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
30 of 2021, that the County of Maui is requested to allow for  
31 zoning variances to expand early education access programs in  
32 Maui; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Executive  
3 Office on Early Learning, Mayor of the County of Maui,  
4 Chairperson of the Maui County Council, and Director of the  
5 County of Maui Department of Planning.

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