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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD TO EVALUATE AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE BOARD'S COMPOSITION AND CHARTER AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, expanded the
2 purview of the Early Learning Board, elevated the Board from an
3 advisory to governing capacity, and altered the composition of
4 the board; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board's charter was originally
7 adopted in 2014, when the Board acted solely in an advisory
8 capacity; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board is placed within the
11 Department of Education for administrative purposes, is tasked
12 with the critical function of formulating statewide policy
13 relating to early learning, and is responsible for:

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- 15 (1) Directing the Executive Office on Early Learning
16 (EOEL) on how best to meet the developmental and
17 educational needs of children, from prenatal care to
18 entry into kindergarten;
 - 19 (2) Providing recommendations to EOEL on improving the
20 quality, availability, and coordination of early
21 learning programs;
 - 22 (3) Promoting collaboration across agencies and
23 stakeholders serving young children; and
 - 24 (4) Appointing the EOEL director and evaluating the
25 director on an annual basis; and
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30 WHEREAS, since 2017, multiple measures have been introduced
31 to amend or add to the composition of the Early Learning Board,
32 without comprehensive consideration of the Board's charter or
33 strategic plan; and

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1 WHEREAS, the composition of the Early Learning Board is set
2 by statute and is not subject to the discretion of the Board;
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5 WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board's charter and any
6 strategic planning, on the other hand, are matters within the
7 purview of the Board's discretion; and
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9 WHEREAS, an evaluation of the current board composition and
10 charter, in relation to the development of a strategic plan, is
11 necessary to inform any future legislation related to the
12 composition of the Early Learning Board or its powers and
13 functions; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
17 that the Early Learning Board is requested to conduct an
18 evaluation of its current composition and charter, in relation
19 to the development of a strategic plan; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Learning Board is
22 requested to develop a five-year strategic plan, propose
23 amendments to its charter, or both, to guide the Early Learning
24 Board going forward and inform any improvements thereto; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Learning Board is
27 requested to submit to the Legislature no later than twenty days
28 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023 a report
29 that includes the following:
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- 31 (1) Findings and recommendations, including any proposed
32 legislation, related to the Board's composition;
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- 34 (2) Findings and recommendations, including any proposed
35 amendments, related to the Board's charter; and
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- 37 (3) Findings and recommendations related to the
38 development and implementation of a five-year
39 strategic plan for the Board, if any; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Early Learning Board and
3 Superintendent of Education.

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