
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE MORE FUNDING AND
EXPLORE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS TO SUPPORT AFTERNOON CHILDCARE
FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

1 WHEREAS, the cost of living in Hawaii continues to be among
2 the highest in the nation; and

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4 WHEREAS, childcare costs are an additional burden to many
5 family budgets in Hawaii; and

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7 WHEREAS, children with disabilities often require
8 specialized attention in regards to childcare; and

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10 WHEREAS, during the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic,
11 remote working options allowed parents with young children to
12 care for their children at home while still being able to work
13 full-time; and

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15 WHEREAS, currently, an increasing number of employers are
16 requiring their employees to return to work physically as in the
17 days before the COVID-19 pandemic, which increases the need for
18 childcare aides and facilities equipped to properly care for
19 children with disabilities; and

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21 WHEREAS, many of these families have difficulty affording
22 standard childcare, and the scarcity of childcare options for
23 children with disabilities has further increased the price for
24 such childcare options; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the
29 Department of Education to provide additional funding to hire



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1 and train afternoon childcare aides so they may be properly
2 equipped to care for children with disabilities; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
5 collaborate with the appropriate partners and stakeholders to
6 seek further solutions in addressing the childcare needs of
7 Hawaii's families; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
11 the Department of Education, members of the Board of Education,
12 the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant
13 Governor, and members of the Hawaii State Legislature.
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