
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP
TO CONSIDER PROVIDING CHILD CARE SERVICES AT THE HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL.

1 WHEREAS, the average cost of full-time child care in Hawaii
2 currently exceeds \$13,000 per year; and
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4 WHEREAS, the rising cost of child care and lack of access
5 to adequate child care services prevents working parents from
6 taking advantage of many social and economic opportunities,
7 including opportunities for civic engagement; and
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9 WHEREAS, strengthening public engagement is essential to
10 ensuring that legislative outcomes reflect the needs of Hawaii's
11 residents and working families; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature has adopted measures in recent
14 years calling for the expansion of child care programs in public
15 places; and
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17 WHEREAS, some legislative employees are also working
18 parents in need of child care assistance; and
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20 WHEREAS, providing child care services at the Hawaii State
21 Capitol would empower working parents and caregivers to
22 participate more fully in the legislative process; now,
23 therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2024, that the Lieutenant Governor is requested to
28 establish a working group to consider providing child care
29 services at the Hawaii State Capitol; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
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- (1) Evaluate opportunities for and possible methods of establishing child care services at the Hawaii State Capitol for members of the public and legislative employees;
- (2) Determine the resources and funding that may be necessary to provide child care services at the Hawaii State Capitol; and
- (3) Assess locations at the Hawaii State Capitol that may be used for the facilitation of child care services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to consist of the following members:

- (1) The Lieutenant Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor's designee;
- (2) A member of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- (3) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to invite the following members:

- (1) A representative from a nonprofit, public interest organization specializing in economic assistance for low-income individuals;
- (2) A representative from a nonprofit public interest organization specializing in advocacy for children; and
- (3) Other relevant stakeholders as recommended by the working group; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
2 to submit a report on establishing child care services at the
3 Hawaii State Capitol, including any findings, recommendations,
4 and proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
5 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
6 2025; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Lieutenant
10 Governor.

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OFFERED BY:



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