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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT  
AUDIT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

1           WHEREAS, the Child Support Enforcement Program implements a  
2 federal/state effort to collect child support from absent  
3 parents and, in Hawaii, the state agency managing the program is  
4 the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) within the  
5 Department of the Attorney General; and

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7           WHEREAS, the CSEA has a support staff of enforcement  
8 officers, investigators, accountants, attorneys, paralegals, and  
9 other personnel who help establish and enforce orders to collect  
10 child support; and

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12           WHEREAS, the CSEA, on a case-by-case basis, offers the  
13 following services:

- 14           (1) Locating an absent parent;  
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16           (2) Establishing paternity;  
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18           (3) Establishing, modifying, and terminating support  
19 obligations;  
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21           (4) Collecting and disbursing support obligations; and  
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23           (5) Enforcing delinquent child support obligations;

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28           WHEREAS, the CSEA handles more than 111,000 active  
29 collection accounts involving more than \$104,000,000 annually,  
30 and the caseload for CSEA caseworkers is 73 percent higher than  
31 the national average, averaging over 450 cases each; and



1           WHEREAS, despite some improvements in the last decade,  
2 there have been persistent complaints about the inefficient  
3 operation of the CSEA; now, therefore,  
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5           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to  
8 conduct a financial and management audit of the CSEA; and  
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10          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General and the  
11 Administrator of the CSEA are requested to fully cooperate with  
12 the Auditor in the conduct of the financial and management  
13 audit; and  
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15          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
16 submit the results of the financial and management audit,  
17 including any necessary proposed legislation, to the Legislature  
18 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular  
19 Session of 2007; and  
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21          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the  
23 Attorney General, and the Administrator of the Child Support  
24 Enforcement Agency.

