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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDRESSING THE SHORTAGE OF  
INFANT AND TODDLER CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, FACILITIES, AND  
SERVICES IN THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, research demonstrates the critical importance of  
2 quality care in a child's first three years of life for  
3 enhancing brain development and cognitive abilities; and  
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5           WHEREAS, an infant or toddler who lacks appropriate  
6 relationships and stimulation during these years will be less  
7 able to learn, cope with stress, handle emotions, and form  
8 relationships later in life; and  
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10           WHEREAS, a shortage of infant and toddler child care  
11 providers, facilities, and services exists in the State, making  
12 it increasingly difficult for working parents to attain and  
13 afford quality infant and toddler child care; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the cost for quality infant and toddler child care  
16 is steadily increasing; and  
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18           WHEREAS, most families have one or both parents working and  
19 most new parents are both working; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the shortage of infant and toddler child care is  
22 hurting employers within the State by increasing employee  
23 absenteeism, tardiness, and turnover rates that increase the  
24 costs of recruiting and training new workers; and  
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26           WHEREAS, addressing the shortage of infant and toddler  
27 child care providers, facilities, and services is in the best  
28 interest of the State and crucial for the well-being of  
29 children, families, workers, and employers; and  
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1 WHEREAS, new strategies must be adopted to deal with the  
2 increasing demand of infant and toddler child care, yet much  
3 remains unknown about the shortage of infant and toddler child  
4 care providers, facilities, and services in the State and  
5 methods by which to increase the number of providers,  
6 facilities, and services without decreasing quality; now,  
7 therefore

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Human  
12 Services is requested to conduct a study, based upon available  
13 information, about the shortage of infant and toddler child care  
14 providers, facilities, and services in the State; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human  
17 Services, in this study, is requested to identify and examine  
18 the following areas relating to infant and toddler child care:

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20 (1) Available data and rationale regarding the shortage of  
21 infant and child care providers in the State;  
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23 (2) Existing regulatory and licensing requirements for  
24 infant and toddler child care providers, facilities,  
25 and services and how these may affect the problem; and  
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27 (3) Methods by which more infant and toddler child care  
28 providers can be recruited and retained to supply  
29 facilities and services for infants and toddlers in  
30 the State; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human  
33 Services is requested to transmit, not later than twenty days  
34 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007, its  
35 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
36 legislation, to the Legislature for increasing the supply of  
37 infant and child care providers, facilities, and services in the  
38 State; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the  
 3 Director of Human Services.  
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