
HOUSE 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, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a financial
8 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 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the Attorney General,
23 and the Administrator of the Child Support Enforcement Agency.

