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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A  
MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONAL, AND FINANCIAL REVIEW OF HAWAII'S  
EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD START FUNDING RECIPIENTS TO  
IMPROVE EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION  
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND TO OPTIMIZE  
FUNDING RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, Early Head Start and Head Start are comprehensive  
2 child development programs that serve low-income children and  
3 children with disabilities from birth to age five; and  
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5 WHEREAS, as recipients of federal and/or state funds, Head  
6 Start and Early Head Start grantees are charged with the  
7 responsibility of providing services to low-income children and  
8 children with disabilities in accordance with the federal Head  
9 Start Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education  
10 Improvement Act of 2004, and the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
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12 WHEREAS, in its 2006 report to the Legislature, the  
13 Temporary Early Childhood Education Taskforce notes that the  
14 federal Department of Health and Human Services, Administration  
15 for Children and Families Head Start Bureau, awarded a grant to  
16 the State to:

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- 18 (1) Build early childhood systems and enhance access to  
19 comprehensive services and support for all low-income  
20 children;
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  - 22 (2) Encourage widespread collaboration between Head Start  
23 and other appropriate programs, services, and  
24 initiatives;
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  - 26 (3) Augment Head Start's capacity to be a partner in state  
27 initiatives on behalf of children and their families;  
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1 (4) Facilitate the involvement of Head Start in state  
 2 policies, plans, processes, and decisions affecting  
 3 the Head Start target population and other low-income  
 4 families; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Head Start Collaboration Office is a federally  
 7 funded office attached to the Department of Human Services for  
 8 administrative purposes; and  
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10 WHEREAS, parents of young children with disabilities, who  
 11 are eligible for special education under the Individuals with  
 12 Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and whose  
 13 Individualized Education Plan Teams have determined that a Head  
 14 Start program should be a part of their Individualized Education  
 15 Plans, have raised concerns that state policies may limit  
 16 flexibility in full-time, part-time, or dual-center based and  
 17 home visitor placements, and the provision of services to  
 18 support the families; now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
 21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
 22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
 23 Human Services is requested, in conjunction with the Head Start  
 24 Collaboration Office, the Department of Health, and the  
 25 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Office of Community  
 26 Services, to perform a management, operational, and financial  
 27 review of Hawaii's Early Head Start and Head Start funding  
 28 recipients to determine resources and to identify ways to  
 29 improve policies, procedures, and personnel training to increase  
 30 the programs' effectiveness; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the review should include:

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 34 (1) A review of the State's efforts to promote  
 35 collaboration among Early Head Start, Head Start, and  
 36 the state agencies charged with providing services to  
 37 eligible children with disabilities; and  
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39 (2) An assessment of the management, financial, and  
 40 decision-making practices of Early Head Start and Head  
 41 Start funding recipients and the state agencies  
 42 required to provide services to eligible children with  
 43 disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities  
 44 Education Improvement Act of 2004;



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- 2 (3) An assessment of Early Head Start and Head Start
- 3 funding recipients' decision-making policies and
- 4 procedures for placing and providing services to
- 5 children with disabilities in accordance with the
- 6 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement
- 7 Act of 2004 and the Head Start Act;
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- 9 (4) An evaluation as to whether Early Head Start and Head
- 10 Start funding recipients expend available funds in an
- 11 efficient and cost-effective manner;
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- 13 (5) A determination of funding, training, or support
- 14 opportunities to improve Early Head Start and Head
- 15 Start services; and
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- 17 (6) An impact assessment of changes in laws affecting
- 18 federal funding sources for Hawaii's Early Head Start
- 19 and Head Start programs; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human  
 22 Services report the results of the review to the Legislature at  
 23 least twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
 24 of 2007; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human  
 28 Services, the Director of Health, the Director of Labor and  
 29 Industrial Relations, and the head of the Head Start  
 30 Collaboration Office.

