
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AGE-
APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS.

1 WHEREAS, preschool is becoming the norm in American
2 education, and children who do not attend it start school at a
3 disadvantage; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Preschool Standards are written for
6 four-year olds who are expected to enter Kindergarten in the
7 following year; and

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9 WHEREAS, a child who is developmentally delayed must enter
10 the Department of Education system based on chronological age;
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13 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Preschool Standards are not appropriate
14 for a developmentally delayed child; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
19 Education is requested, in coordination with the Family Health
20 Services Division of the Department of Health, to develop age-
21 appropriate standards for preschool age children with special
22 needs, including but not limited to sign language and
23 developmental milestones and goals, and criteria for preschool
24 readiness; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education, in
27 coordination with the Family Health Services Division of the
28 Department of Health, is requested to develop age-appropriate
29 standards to determine when a child is ready for a special
30 education preschool classroom or an appropriate placement, and
31 not simply establish that the least-restrictive environment
32 qualifies as a special education preschool because the child
33 reaches the age of three; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the
2 Superintendent of Education is requested to report its standards
3 to the Legislature twenty days before the convening of the
4 Regular Session of 2007; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
8 Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the
9 Director of Health, and the Chief of the Family Health Services
10 Division.

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