
SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-third
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
12 Human Services is requested to conduct a study, based upon
13 available information, about the shortage of infant and toddler
14 child care 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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