
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO RESPECT
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS WHEN ENACTING LEGISLATION RELATED TO
CHILDREN.

1 WHEREAS, people less than eighteen years of age often need
2 special care and protection that adults do not; and
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4 WHEREAS, a child, for the full and harmonious development
5 of the child's personality, should grow up in a family
6 environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, love, and
7 understanding; and
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9 WHEREAS, a child should be fully prepared to live an
10 individual life in society, and brought up in the spirit of
11 peace, dignity, tolerance, freedom, equality, and solidarity;
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14 WHEREAS, standards in health care, education, and legal,
15 civil, and social services should be set to protect children's
16 rights; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that children of this
19 State are entitled to certain rights, which include:
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21 (1) A guarantee of a safe and nurturing environment;
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23 (2) A nutritious diet;
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25 (3) Adequate shelter and clothing;
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27 (4) Quality health care;
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29 (5) Quality public education;
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31 (6) Privacy and freedom of expression;
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(7) Freedom from intimidation and coercion;

(8) Protection against slave labor and other unfair labor practices;

(9) Protection from maltreatment; and

(10) A clean environment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor should advocate for and take appropriate legislative measures to protect children's rights, to help meet children's basic needs and to expand children's opportunities to reach their potential; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature and the Governor are urged to respect children's rights when enacting legislation related to children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

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