
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO
CREATE A PRE-KINDERGARTEN ACADEMY.

1 WHEREAS, statistics show that approximately 50 percent of
2 all children who enter kindergarten in public schools are behind
3 in skills needed to learn at that age, and many never overcome
4 that deficit as they progress through school; and

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6 WHEREAS, national studies show that for every dollar spent
7 on early childhood education, seven dollars in remedial and
8 social services are saved; and

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10 WHEREAS, a prudent step in improving learning is to
11 establish a pre-kindergarten academy focused on early childhood
12 development to prepare children for kindergarten and its
13 routines, and to foster overall school readiness; and

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15 WHEREAS, state facilities and resources would be best used
16 if a pre-kindergarten academy were operated during the summer in
17 existing school facilities, and in the context of ongoing
18 educational programs; and

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20 WHEREAS, because parents need the resources and tools to
21 help them with the development of their child, the pre-
22 kindergarten academy should also provide assistance to parents
23 in conjunction with other early childhood programs that set
24 standards and assist parents in the development of their child;
25 now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education



1 (DOE) is requested to develop a plan to create a pre-
2 kindergarten academy; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pre-kindergarten academy be
5 designed to:

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7 (1) Prepare four-year-old children for entry into
8 kindergarten;

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10 (2) Assist four-year-old children in the development of
11 age-appropriate skills;

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13 (3) Operate during the summer months in existing state
14 educational facilities, and in the context of ongoing
15 educational programs; and

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17 (4) Provide parents from the birth of their child forward
18 with ongoing childhood development assistance;

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pre-kindergarten academy
23 plan shall be developed in consultation with the Good Beginnings
24 Alliance and in accordance with accepted practices and
25 standards; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOE is requested to submit the
28 plan to the Legislature at least 20 days prior to the convening
29 of the Regular Session of 2010; and

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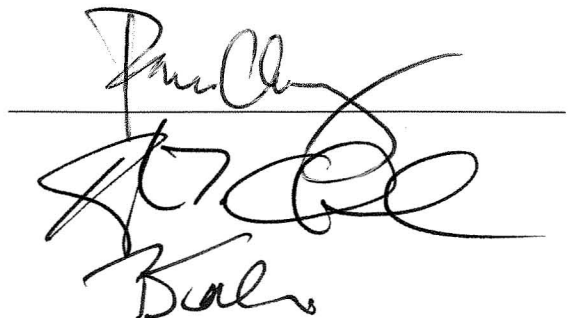
31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Education,
33 Superintendent of Education, and Good Beginnings Alliance.

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OFFERED BY:

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