
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO CONDUCT A
STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION CENTERS IN HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, advances in the social sciences and the science of
2 education have raised the awareness of the value of the early
3 education of children; and
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5 WHEREAS, the need for preparing children from infancy for
6 preschool and kindergarten has become readily apparent from
7 numerous studies and research; and
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9 WHEREAS, it is to the advantage of every child to receive
10 the benefits of early childhood education prior to entry into
11 preschool and kindergarten; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is uniquely
14 positioned to provide this service to its beneficiaries residing
15 in Hawaiian homestead communities that the Department of
16 Hawaiian Home Lands has developed and oversees; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
20 of 2009, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, with the
21 assistance of the Department of Education, is requested to
22 conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing early
23 childhood education centers in each of its homestead
24 communities; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study should include but
27 not be limited to the following:
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- 29 (1) The targeted age and demographic description of the
30 projected enrollment of children that would be served
31 by the early childhood education centers;
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- 1 (2) The estimated number, general location, and projected
- 2 enrollment for the proposed early childhood education
- 3 centers;
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- 5 (3) A description of the curriculum, along with testing
- 6 and progress criteria, to be offered at the early
- 7 childhood education centers; and
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- 9 (4) The estimated start-up capital cost and annual
- 10 operating cost for the development and operation of
- 11 the early childhood education centers; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 14 requested to provide full cooperation, support, and technical
 15 expertise in assisting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in
 16 this study; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
 19 Lands is requested to submit a report of its findings and
 20 recommendations, along with any necessary recommended
 21 legislation, to the Legislature not later than at least twenty
 22 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian
 26 Homes Commission, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, and
 27 the Superintendent of Education.

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