
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Education (DOE) is requested to
30 develop a plan to create a pre-kindergarten academy; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pre-kindergarten academy be
2 designed to:

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- 4 (1) Prepare four-year-old children for entry into
- 5 kindergarten;
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- 7 (2) Assist four-year-old children in the development of
- 8 age-appropriate skills;
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- 10 (3) Operate during the summer months in existing state
- 11 educational facilities, and in the context of ongoing
- 12 educational programs; and
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- 14 (4) Provide parents from the birth of their child forward
- 15 with ongoing childhood development assistance;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pre-kindergarten academy
20 plan shall be developed in consultation with the Good Beginnings
21 Alliance and in accordance with accepted practices and
22 standards; and

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

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Education,
30 Superintendent of Education, and Good Beginnings Alliance.
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