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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

1 WHEREAS, the Child Support Enforcement Program (Program) of
2 the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement is a partnership
3 across all levels of government designed to help families by
4 promoting family self-sufficiency and child well-being; and
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6 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the state agency that manages the
7 Program is the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) within
8 the Department of the Attorney General; and
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10 WHEREAS, CSEA has a staff of enforcement officers,
11 investigators, accountants, attorneys, paralegals, and other
12 personnel who help establish and enforce orders to collect child
13 support; and
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15 WHEREAS, CSEA, on a case-by-case basis, offers the
16 following services:
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- 18 (1) Locating an absent parent;
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- 20 (2) Establishing paternity;
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- 22 (3) Establishing, modifying, and terminating child-support
23 obligations;
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- 25 (4) Collecting and disbursing child-support obligations;
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- 28 (5) Enforcing delinquent child-support obligations;
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1 WHEREAS, according to an article dated April 10, 2005, in
2 *The Honolulu Advertiser*, CSEA handles more than 111,000 active
3 collection accounts involving more than \$104,000,000 annually,
4 and the caseload for CSEA caseworkers averages 520 each, far
5 higher than the national average of 350 cases each; and
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7 WHEREAS, despite some improvements in the last decade,
8 there have been persistent complaints about the inefficient
9 operation of CSEA; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
14 requested to perform a financial and management audit of CSEA;
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General and the
18 Administrator of CSEA are requested to cooperate fully with the
19 Auditor in the conduct of the financial and management audit;
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
23 submit the results of the financial and management audit,
24 including any necessary proposed legislation, to the Legislature
25 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular
26 Session of 2011; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Attorney
30 General, and Administrator of CSEA.
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