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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE CAUCUSES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. For many years, the Hawaii state legislature  
2 has had a keiki caucus and kupuna caucus, each composed of  
3 members from both the senate and house of representatives. The  
4 keiki caucus, established in 1994, concentrates on issues  
5 concerning the betterment of the lives of children and youth.  
6 The kupuna caucus, established in January 2005, concentrates on  
7 issues concerning the betterment of lives of elders and  
8 grandparents, including aging, long-term care, and elder abuse.  
9           The keiki caucus and the kupuna caucus each hold  
10 informational legislative meetings and briefings in the interim  
11 to gather information from community groups, from the public in  
12 general, and from affected individuals in particular.  
13 Government agencies also participate in the meetings and  
14 briefings. Oftentimes, issues can be resolved at a meeting or  
15 briefing by raising public awareness about the problem and  
16 encouraging dialogue among the parties. The legislature finds  
17 that the keiki caucus and kupuna caucus perform an integral



1 function of the legislative process of information gathering,  
2 problem solving, and making recommendations for change, hearing  
3 the voices of people who may not otherwise be heard.

4 The purpose of this Act is to establish the keiki caucus  
5 and the kupuna caucus in statute.

6 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by  
7 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
8 as follows:

9 "CHAPTER

10 LEGISLATIVE CAUCUSES

11 § -1 Keiki caucus; kupuna caucus; established. (a)

12 There is established a joint legislative keiki caucus to address  
13 issues concerning the well-being, health, safety, and welfare of  
14 children and youth.

15 (b) There is established a joint legislative kupuna caucus  
16 to address issues concerning the aged and elderly.

17 (c) Membership of the joint legislative keiki caucus and  
18 the joint legislative kupuna caucus shall consist of members of  
19 both houses of the legislature. The legislative members of the  
20 caucuses may also decide to include representatives of youth-  
21 serving and elderly-serving organizations and individuals from



1 the community as members of the caucus with regard to any  
2 particular issue under consideration by the caucus."

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Keiki Caucus; Kupuna Caucus; Establishment

**Description:**

Statutorily establishes the joint legislative keiki caucus and joint legislative kupuna caucus. Effective January 1, 2050.

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