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## SENATE 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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31           WHEREAS, according to an article dated April 10, 2005, in  
32 *The Honolulu Advertiser*, CSEA handles more than 111,000 active  
33 collection accounts involving more than \$104,000,000 annually,



1 and the caseload for CSEA caseworkers averages 520 each, far  
2 higher than the national average of 350 cases each; and  
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4 WHEREAS, despite some improvements in the last decade,  
5 there have been persistent complaints about the inefficient  
6 operation of CSEA; now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
10 that the Auditor is requested to perform a financial and  
11 management audit of CSEA; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General and the  
14 Administrator of CSEA are requested to cooperate fully with the  
15 Auditor in the conduct of the financial and management audit;  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
19 submit the results of the financial and management audit,  
20 including any necessary proposed legislation, to the Legislature  
21 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular  
22 Session of 2011; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Attorney General, and  
26 Administrator of CSEA.  
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OFFERED BY:

  


