
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO RELEASE OR RESTORE FUNDS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR PROGRAMS SERVING THE
HOMELESS POPULATION ON THE LEEWARD COAST OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services provides crucial
2 financial support to the Partners in Development Foundation,
3 which assists homeless families on the Leeward Coast of Oahu
4 through the Ka Pa'alana Traveling Preschool and Homeless Family
5 Education Program ("Ka Pa'alana"); and
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7 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services has given notice
8 to the Partners in Development Foundation of its intention to
9 terminate the contract that provides funding for Ka Pa'alana due
10 to a lack of available funds; and
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12 WHEREAS, Ka Pa'alana delivers or provides access to
13 essential services, such as a modified center-based preschool
14 experience; a parent-child participatory preschool that provides
15 services such as testing, portfolio assessment, referrals for
16 health and developmental needs, and parenting classes; adult
17 education services that include goal setting, budgeting,
18 vocational training, job placement, and General Educational
19 Development test preparation; and youth mentoring services that
20 include tutoring, counseling, self esteem building, and
21 parenting classes; and
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23 WHEREAS, Ka Pa'alana further serves as an initial contact
24 agency for families that are ready to transition to local
25 shelters or temporary housing facilities; and
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27 WHEREAS, Ka Pa'alana delivers food to needy families as well
28 as educational and social services; and
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30 WHEREAS, eliminating the Department of Human Services
31 funding for Ka Pa'alana will severely diminish direct services to
32 nearly eight hundred children and over six hundred adults as
33 well as indirect services to an additional five hundred adults



1 who receive food distribution or transitional services through a
2 family member; and
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4 WHEREAS, eliminating Department of Human Services funding
5 for Ka Pa'alana will eliminate fifteen to twenty full-time
6 positions at the Partners in Development Foundation; now,
7 therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2011, that the Governor of the State of Hawaii is requested
12 to release the funds that are necessary for the Department of
13 Human Services to fulfill SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT NO. 1 to provide
14 Early Childhood Education and Family Education Programs through
15 the Ka Pa'alana Outreach Project on the Leeward Coast (DHS-10-
16 ETPO-159); or, if the release of the full amount of funding
17 necessary to fulfill the contract is not possible, then the
18 Governor is requested to restructure the executive budget or
19 otherwise allow services provided through the Ka Pa'alana
20 Traveling Preschool and Homeless Family Education Program to
21 continue until the end of fiscal year 2010-2011, and consult
22 with the Partners in Development Foundation to develop a plan to
23 continue these services through fiscal year 2011-2012; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of Human
27 Services, and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
28 Partners in Development Foundation.
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