
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING PILOT PROJECTS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING SYSTEM IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, neuroscience research demonstrates that a child's
2 early years are the most crucial in the child's cognitive,
3 social, emotional, and physical development; and
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5 WHEREAS, early screening, identification, and intervention
6 for physical impairments, developmental delays, and psychosocial
7 problems can dramatically improve children's outcomes and have a
8 critical influence on school success and family functioning; and
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10 WHEREAS, early screening, identification, and intervention
11 result in significant cost savings; and
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13 WHEREAS, it is critical to provide each child with ongoing
14 access to quality primary health care that includes screening
15 for developmental delays to ensure that the effects of these
16 delays are mitigated as soon as possible; and
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18 WHEREAS, many of Hawaii's children do not have access to
19 quality primary health care and many parents are unaware of or
20 choose not to use available primary health care services;
21 therefore, many of Hawaii's children do not receive proper
22 screening, identification, evaluation, or referrals for
23 correction or treatment; and
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25 WHEREAS, Aloha United Way has implemented two pilot
26 projects on Oahu that provide early childhood developmental
27 screening; and
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29 WHEREAS, preliminary findings from the projects show that
30 approximately eighteen percent of the children screened have a
31 problem that requires follow-up services; and



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2 WHEREAS, the projects indicate a need for a comprehensive
3 outreach component to ensure families are aware of the need for
4 screening; and

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6 WHEREAS, the projects also indicate that a case management
7 component is important so that children who require follow-up
8 services can receive treatment; and

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10 WHEREAS, early screening services are necessary to
11 identify, mitigate, and treat developmental disabilities as
12 early as possible, and an integrated, universal developmental
13 screening system would clearly benefit the children of this
14 State; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Department of Health Family Health Services
17 Division has an existing Work Group under the Maternal Child
18 Health Services Block Grant that works to promote early
19 childhood developmental screenings; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
24 Health Work Group is requested to review Aloha United Way's
25 Early Childhood Developmental Screening pilot projects and the
26 University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Disability Studies'
27 evaluation of those Early Childhood Developmental Screening
28 pilot projects; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health Work
31 Group be expanded to include a representative from the
32 University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Disability Studies and
33 Aloha United Way; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
36 requested to report, based on the Work Group's review, its
37 findings and recommendations for the development of an
38 integrated, universal early childhood developmental screening
39 system in Hawaii; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health submit
42 its report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
43 the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
3 Chairperson of the Center on Disability Studies at the
4 University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Aloha United Way.

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