
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER
CHILDREN OF FAMILIES RECEIVING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR
NEEDY FAMILIES FEDERAL FUNDS HAVE A HIGHER RATE OF TRUANCY.

1 WHEREAS, temporary assistance for needy families (TANF)
2 funds are federal block grants that provide states, territories,
3 and tribes with federal funds each year to cover benefits,
4 administrative expenses, and services for low-income families;
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7 WHEREAS, the TANF block grant is administered by state,
8 territorial, and tribal agencies that provide assistance and
9 work opportunities to low-income families through welfare
10 programs that promote employment, responsibility, and self-
11 sufficiency; and
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13 WHEREAS, education is a key method for families to improve
14 their financial situation and attain self-sufficiency; and
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16 WHEREAS, encouraging the education of children from
17 households that receive TANF funds promotes the goals of the
18 TANF program and serves an important educational purpose; now,
19 therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
24 Education, with assistance from the Department of Human
25 Services, is requested to determine whether children of families
26 receiving TANF funds have a higher rate of truancy or excessive
27 absenteeism from school and to make recommendations to address
28 this issue; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
31 requested to consider programs designed to encourage or ensure



1 school attendance for children who live in households that
2 receive TANF funding; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
5 requested to submit a report of its findings and
6 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
7 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
8 the Regular Session of 2012; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
12 Services, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the
13 Superintendent of Education.

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