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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO RELEASE OR RESTORE FUNDS TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM  
FOR THE HOMELESS CHILDREN 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 that provides services such as testing, portfolio  
15 assessment, referrals for health and developmental needs of pre-  
16 school children; and  
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18           WHEREAS, eliminating the Department of Human Services  
19 funding for Ka Pa'alana will severely diminish direct services to  
20 nearly 800 pre-school children; and  
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22           WHEREAS, eliminating Department of Human Services funding  
23 for Ka Pa'alana will eliminate 15 to 20 full-time positions at  
24 the Partners in Development Foundation; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2011, that the Governor of the State of Hawaii is requested  
29 to release the funds that are necessary for the Department of  
30 Human Services to fulfill SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT NO. 1 to provide  
31 Early Childhood Education through the Ka Pa'alana Outreach  
32 Project on the Leeward Coast (DHS-10-ETPO-159); or, if the  
33 release of the full amount of funding necessary to fulfill the  
34 contract is not possible, then the Governor is requested to



1 restructure the executive budget or otherwise allow services  
2 provided through the Ka Pa'alana Traveling Preschool and Homeless  
3 Family Education Program to continue until the end of fiscal  
4 year 2010-2011, and consult with the Partners in Development  
5 Foundation to develop a plan to continue these services through  
6 fiscal year 2011-2012; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Human  
10 Services, and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the  
11 Partners in Development Foundation.

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