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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE  
ADEQUATE FUNDING TO THE HANA SCHOOL INFANT AND TODDLER  
PROGRAM FOR THE HANA COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, there are no licensed childcare homes in the  
2 greater Hana community, including the area from Keanae to Kaupo;  
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5 WHEREAS, for nearly three years, Hana School has been  
6 working with the Maui early childhood community, which is  
7 acknowledged to be the best in the State, as well as non-profit  
8 organizations; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Maui County Early Childhood Community  
11 Coordinator has been coordinating with other organizations to  
12 address the childcare needs of the Hana community, including the  
13 Early Childhood Services Department of Maui Economic  
14 Opportunity, Inc., PATCH Maui, the Parent-Community Facility of  
15 Kamehameha Schools Early Childhood Education for Maui and  
16 Moloka'i, the Maui Family Support Services (a non-profit  
17 organization with two Early Head Start infant and toddler  
18 centers), and Friends of Hana Keiki; and

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20 WHEREAS, a few years ago, the results of a survey conducted  
21 in the Hana community by Hana School revealed that every role  
22 group indicated that early childhood education was one of their  
23 top three need areas; and

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25 WHEREAS, in response to the need for early childhood  
26 education, Hana School created a preschool program; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Hana School Preschool meets the needs of  
29 students who were unable to have a preschool experience because  
30 Kamehameha Preschool had reached its capacity; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Hana School Preschool was established to  
2 absorb the overflow from Kamehameha Preschool; and

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4 WHEREAS, as a result, every preschool-age child in the Hana  
5 community will be provided a preschool experience; and

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7 WHEREAS, the next step in the development of this early  
8 childhood program would be an infant and toddler program; and

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10 WHEREAS, recently, three students of Hana School failed to  
11 graduate because they had to stay home to care for their newly  
12 born children due to the fact that they did not have access to  
13 childcare and other family members had to work during the day to  
14 provide for the family; and

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16 WHEREAS, Hana School has one teacher on leave who also  
17 lacks access to appropriate childcare because there are no  
18 licensed childcare services available in the Hana area; and

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20 WHEREAS, the second grade class of the teacher who is on  
21 leave is being taught by a substitute teacher; and

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23 WHEREAS, there are three elementary school teachers who are  
24 currently expecting to give birth at approximately the same time  
25 this year; and

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27 WHEREAS, four of the eleven elementary teachers will be out  
28 during parts of the 2011-2012 school year due to pregnancy and  
29 are having difficulty in finding appropriate licensed childcare  
30 services in the Hana area; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Hana School has obtained a certificate of  
33 occupancy for an infant and toddler program in an elementary  
34 school classroom on the Hana School campus; and

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36 WHEREAS, this classroom has met all of the requirements for  
37 a certificate of occupancy; and

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39 WHEREAS, there are many benefits to having an infant and  
40 toddler program working out of an elementary school classroom,  
41 including the fact that a health aide and a school resource  
42 officer, who is a Maui police officer, are located on the  
43 property in case of an emergency that may occur during the hours  
44 of childcare service; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
3 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
4 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education  
5 is requested to support and provide adequate funding to the Hana  
6 School Infant and Toddler Program for the Hana community; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the  
10 Chairperson of the Board of Education; the Superintendent of  
11 Education; the Mayor of the County of Maui; the Maui Early  
12 Childhood organizations that are named in this Resolution; and  
13 the Principal of the Hana School.  
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