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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING TO COLLABORATE  
WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO ENCOURAGE CARE  
PROVIDERS OF KEIKI AND KUPUNA TO CREATE INTERGENERATIONAL  
SHARED SITES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF HAWAII'S COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, keiki and kupuna are some of Hawaii's greatest  
2 treasures; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a historic and cultural tradition of  
5 valuing family and multigenerational living; and

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7 WHEREAS, families are finding it increasingly more  
8 difficult to provide for the care of their young children and  
9 aging parents; and

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11 WHEREAS, many kupuna experience social isolation, which can  
12 lead to loneliness and depression as well as mental and physical  
13 decline, while, at the same time, many keiki miss out on the  
14 wisdom and patience of kupuna as families are more often forced  
15 to live apart; and

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17 WHEREAS, kupuna are currently undervalued in their capacity  
18 to contribute to the community; and

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20 WHEREAS, intergenerational shared sites are settings where  
21 children, youth, and older adults participate in services and  
22 programs concurrently at the same site or on the same campus;  
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25 WHEREAS, certain distinguished shared care sites in  
26 Honolulu, Kapolei, and Kahului have had success in implementing  
27 intergenerational programs; and

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1           WHEREAS, participants in these intergenerational programs  
 2 interact during regular planned intergenerational activities, as  
 3 well as through informal encounters; and  
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5           WHEREAS, keiki and kupuna can learn values such as the  
 6 richness of lives lived, the bounds of friendship, an  
 7 appreciation of diversity, and insights into the different  
 8 stages of life from spending time together in intergenerational  
 9 shared sites; and  
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11           WHEREAS, working adults can also take advantage of the  
 12 efficiency and effectiveness of having shared care sites for  
 13 families; now, therefore,  
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15           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 16 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 17 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Executive  
 18 Office on Early Learning is requested to collaborate with the  
 19 Executive Office on Aging to encourage care providers of keiki  
 20 and kupuna to create intergenerational shared sites for the  
 21 betterment of Hawaii's communities; and  
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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
 25 Executive Office on Early Learning and the Director of the  
 26 Executive Office on Aging.  
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