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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND JUDICIARY TO PERMANENTLY  
ESTABLISH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY STATE  
YOUTH NETWORK OF CARE TO BETTER SERVE YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
WITH COMPLEX NEEDS IN THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Education, Department of Health,  
2 Department of Human Services, and Judiciary are responsible for  
3 serving the multiple needs of children, youth, and families; and  
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5           WHEREAS, many children, youth, and families, particularly  
6 those with complex educational, behavioral, and social-emotional  
7 needs, experience significant challenges and hardship navigating  
8 the State's child-serving system; and  
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10           WHEREAS, children and youth with complex needs who do not  
11 receive services face numerous negative consequences, including  
12 lower educational achievement, increased likelihood of  
13 involvement in the juvenile justice system, and fewer stable and  
14 longer-term placements in the child welfare system than their  
15 peers; and  
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17           WHEREAS, to better serve children, youth, and families, the  
18 Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of  
19 Human Services, and Judiciary have committed to the goals of the  
20 Child and Adolescent Service System Program, including to:  
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- 22           (1) Promote the development of a wide array of services to  
23 meet the needs of identified children;  
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25           (2) Integrate multiple services into a well-coordinated  
26 system of care to make sure children are receiving the  
27 most appropriate services; and



1 (3) Increase the ability of parents and professionals to  
2 work together for the benefit of the children; and  
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4 WHEREAS, a seamless system of care has numerous positive  
5 outcomes for children and youth, including the improvement of  
6 school attendance and grades; increasing stability of living  
7 situations; and decreasing behavioral health challenges, suicide  
8 rates, substance abuse, and involvement in the juvenile justice  
9 system; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the Department of Education, Department of Health,  
12 Department of Human Services, and Judiciary formed the Hawaii  
13 Interagency State Youth Network of Care (HISYNC) to increase  
14 collaboration among state agencies and to develop a system of  
15 care for children, youth, and families; and  
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17 WHEREAS, representatives of children, youth, and families  
18 are included as valued HISYNC members and regularly attend  
19 meetings to give recommendations and to ensure that the child-  
20 serving system is responsive to the needs of children, youth,  
21 and families; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the HISYNC members primarily work to improve  
24 outcomes for Hawaii's children, youth, and families through:  
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- 26 (1) The continuous review and analysis of data to identify  
27 areas for system and service improvement;
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- 29 (2) The recommendation of policies to address barriers  
30 within the child-serving system;
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- 32 (3) Collaboration, coordination, and integration of state  
33 programs, services, and resources;
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- 35 (4) Planning on joint treatment and management of specific  
36 youth; and
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- 38 (5) Stakeholder problem-solving around multi-agency  
39 challenges; and  
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41 WHEREAS, HISYNC has implemented and supported several  
42 multi-agency initiatives to promote interagency collaboration,  
43 including:



- 1 (1) A multi-agency memorandum of operation to formalize
- 2 partnership of the state agencies comprising the
- 3 interagency committee and to firmly establish the
- 4 committee's mission and vision;
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- 6 (2) A multi-agency consent form for information sharing
- 7 that streamlines the process for parents to access
- 8 care, thus alleviating the often duplicative and
- 9 numerous forms that parents need to complete and sign;
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- 11 (3) A jointly-funded independent facilitator position to
- 12 carry out the daily activities of HISYNC and the
- 13 Hawaii Interagency Local Youth Network of Care
- 14 (HILYNC) committees;
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- 16 (4) An annual interagency report with data on youth
- 17 served, costs, and outcomes, which brings together the
- 18 story of youth in Hawaii with respect to how they are
- 19 being served and supported by child-serving agencies;
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- 22 (5) Facilitating the development of local and regional
- 23 HILYNC groups, also known as HILYNC committees, to
- 24 promote interagency collaborative work on the local
- 25 level; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 28 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 29 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
 30 Education, Department of Health, Department of Human Services,  
 31 and Judiciary are urged to permanently establish HISYNC; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,  
 34 Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and  
 35 Judiciary are urged to participate in HISYNC and HILYNC; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any additional child-serving  
 38 agencies not currently members of HISYNC are urged to  
 39 participate in HISYNC's interagency forum and send local  
 40 representatives to each of the regional HILYNC committees; and  
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HISYNC is urged to coordinate  
 43 the complex landscape of the child-serving system to better  
 44 serve children, youth, and families; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
3 Superintendent of Education, Director of Health, Director of  
4 Human Services, and Administrative Director of the Courts.

