
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY
STUDY REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
CHILDREN CARED FOR IN A STATE-LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE
HOME FROM SIX CHILDREN TO TEN CHILDREN.

1 WHEREAS, a strong early childhood care system is essential
2 to the well-being of Hawaii's young children, their families,
3 and the community; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Governor has announced as one of his
6 Administration's initiatives the creation of a universal
7 statewide high-quality public preschool system; and
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9 WHEREAS, public preschool will help alleviate some of the
10 child care needs for families in the State, but realizing this
11 vision will take significant time and planning; and
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13 WHEREAS, Hawaii's current shortfall of thirty thousand
14 licensed child care slots means nearly half of the State's
15 children under the age of six lack access to quality, affordable
16 child care; and
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18 WHEREAS, Hawaii ranks as the least affordable state in the
19 nation for center-based child care; and
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21 WHEREAS, the average monthly cost for full-time child care
22 is about \$9,500 per child in child care centers and \$7,800 per
23 child in family childcare homes; and
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25 WHEREAS, about two thousand four hundred children in the
26 State receive care at a family childcare home, which is a
27 private residence where care is provided to a limited number of
28 children; and
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1 WHEREAS, many families prefer the smaller, more flexible,
2 and more affordable home-like environment provided by family
3 childcare homes, especially for infants and toddlers; and
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5 WHEREAS, nearly one in ten of all child care slots in the
6 State regulated by the Department of Human Services are in a
7 family child care home; and
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9 WHEREAS, in other states, such as Oregon, expanded home-
10 based child care and education has been proven to contribute
11 significantly to the overall education and well-being of
12 children; and
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14 WHEREAS, increasing the maximum number of children
15 authorized to be cared for in a family child care home would
16 make a significant difference to many families in the State who
17 struggle with unavailable or unaffordable child care; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
22 2019, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
23 Honolulu is requested to conduct a feasibility study regarding
24 the expansion of the maximum number of children cared for in a
25 state-licensed family child care home from the present maximum
26 of six children to a maximum of ten children; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City and County of Honolulu is
29 requested to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings
30 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no
31 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
32 Session of 2020; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
36 Director of Human Services.
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