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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COME TOGETHER AND PRIORITIZE THEIR HOMELESSNESS EFFORTS IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE HAWAI'I CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER BY CONVENING A TASK FORCE.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center is an  
2 educational facility where children and parents can learn by  
3 using their senses to explore, discover, imagine, and dream; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center, the first  
6 and only children's museum in the State, is located in downtown  
7 Honolulu and offers both indoor and outdoor educational  
8 programming for children; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center is also a  
11 major tourist attraction for many families visiting Hawai'i; and  
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13           WHEREAS, learning while playing is a key to childhood  
14 development, and the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center allows  
15 its patrons to do so in a unique facility with four major  
16 galleries, each filled with hands-on, interactive exhibits; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center staff  
19 continues to work diligently to continue offering its programs,  
20 but must do so under unfavorable circumstances; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center, parents,  
23 and members of the community have raised concerns about the  
24 impact of the homeless encampments in the surrounding area; and



1           WHEREAS, health and safety concerns have been brought up  
2 about the outside and parking lot areas of the Hawai'i Children's  
3 Discovery Center, which are often unsanitary and require  
4 excessive maintenance; and

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6           WHEREAS, the impact of the homeless encampments have  
7 included reports of violence, drug dealing, crime, and other  
8 illicit behavior that pose a safety concern for the children and  
9 families that enter and leave the Center every day; and

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11           WHEREAS, although the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center  
12 staff have operated over the years with empathy and a sense of  
13 aloha for individuals experiencing homelessness, the homeless  
14 encampments have become so detrimental to the Center and its  
15 patrons that it may force them to close down; and

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17           WHEREAS, although different community groups, including one  
18 comprised of homeless individuals who reside in the area, have  
19 attempted to move the homeless encampments away from the Hawai'i  
20 Children's Discovery Center, the homeless encampments still  
21 persist near and around the Center; and

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23           WHEREAS, although steps have been taken to address the  
24 issue, there has not been a unified approach, resulting in  
25 delayed progress, miscommunication, and tension among all  
26 parties involved; and

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28           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center and various  
29 community groups have expressed their willingness to work  
30 together to address homeless issues; now, therefore,

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32           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
33 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of  
34 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Governor's Coordinator on  
35 Homelessness and the City and County of Honolulu are urged to  
36 come together and prioritize their homelessness efforts in the  
37 area surrounding the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center by  
38 convening a task force; and

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41 Homelessness is requested to convene a task force consisting of





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