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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE AN EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION ARTICULATION WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP A SINGLE
ARTICULATION PATHWAY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the earliest years of a child's life are critical
2 to laying the foundation of learning and wellness needed for
3 success in school and beyond; and
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5 WHEREAS, especially during these early years, the
6 educational system should ensure that our youngest children have
7 access to opportunities that will prepare them to reach their
8 greatest potential; and
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10 WHEREAS, this objective is often hindered due to a shortage
11 of early childhood educators having the specialized training
12 necessary to best provide the required high-quality early
13 learning opportunities to the State's children; and
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15 WHEREAS, the State must find ways to incentivize the
16 development of a pool of highly qualified early childhood
17 education professionals; and
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19 WHEREAS, the development of a single articulation pathway
20 in the State's public higher education system will allow
21 students to achieve a baccalaureate degree in an early childhood
22 education field more easily and encourage more students to
23 commit to the field; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
26 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
27 Representatives concurring, that the University of Hawaii is
28 urged to convene an early childhood education articulation
29 working group to develop a single articulation pathway for
30 students working toward degrees in fields relating to early
31 childhood education; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University
2 of Hawaii is requested to appoint to the working group at least
3 one representative from each campus of the University of Hawaii
4 System that offers a program in early childhood education; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the single articulation pathway
7 is urged to:
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- 9 (1) Incorporate any relevant general education
10 requirements;
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12 (2) Match complementary competencies and learning outcomes
13 for both associate and baccalaureate degrees;
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- 15 (3) Allow a student who completes an associate degree in a
16 field relating to early childhood education to pursue
17 a single, common curriculum in early childhood
18 education that will articulate, without alteration,
19 with a related baccalaureate degree program at any
20 other University of Hawaii campus that offers the
21 related baccalaureate degree;
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- 23 (4) Allow a student who completes an associate degree in a
24 field relating to early childhood education to apply
25 all the credits earned for the student's associate
26 degree toward the related baccalaureate degree so that
27 the student may begin the baccalaureate degree as a
28 junior-status student;
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- 30 (5) Be developed in consultation with appropriate
31 employers regarding the competencies and learning
32 outcomes considered important for a successful career
33 and employment in the field of early childhood
34 education; and
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- 36 (6) Be implemented no later than the beginning of the
37 2021-2022 academic year; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
40 urged to publicize the availability of and requirements for any
41 articulation pathway developed and implemented by all
42 appropriate means, including by publication of the pathway on



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1 the website of each academic unit that offers an early childhood
2 education program or degree; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the early childhood education
5 articulation working group is requested to submit a report of
6 its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations,
7 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
8 convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and

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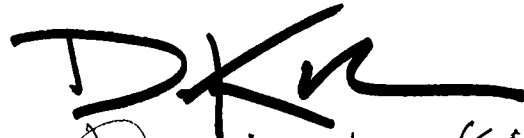
10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
12 University of Hawaii.

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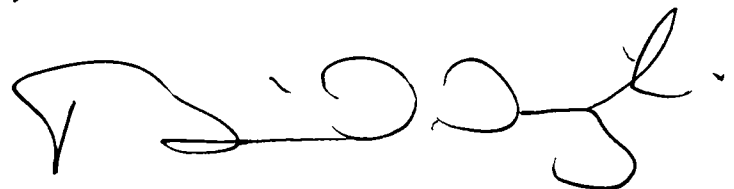
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