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SENATE 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, that the
27 University of Hawaii is urged to convene an early childhood
28 education articulation working group to develop a single
29 articulation pathway for students working toward degrees in
30 fields relating to early childhood education; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University
33 of Hawaii is requested to appoint to the working group at least



1 one representative from each campus of the University of Hawaii
2 System that offers a program in early childhood education; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the single articulation pathway
5 is urged to:
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- 7 (1) Incorporate any relevant general education
8 requirements;
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- 10 (2) Match complementary competencies and learning outcomes
11 for both associate and baccalaureate degrees;
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- 13 (3) Allow a student who completes an associate degree in a
14 field relating to early childhood education to pursue
15 a single, common curriculum in early childhood
16 education that will articulate, without alteration,
17 with a related baccalaureate degree program at any
18 other University of Hawaii campus that offers the
19 related baccalaureate degree;
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- 21 (4) Allow a student who completes an associate degree in a
22 field relating to early childhood education to apply
23 all the credits earned for the student's associate
24 degree toward the related baccalaureate degree so that
25 the student may begin the baccalaureate degree as a
26 junior-status student;
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- 28 (5) Be developed in consultation with appropriate
29 employers regarding the competencies and learning
30 outcomes considered important for a successful career
31 and employment in the field of early childhood
32 education; and
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- 34 (6) Be implemented no later than the beginning of the
35 2021-2022 academic year; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
38 urged to publicize the availability of and requirements for any
39 articulation pathway developed and implemented by all
40 appropriate means, including by publication of the pathway on
41 the website of each academic unit that offers an early childhood
42 education program or degree; and



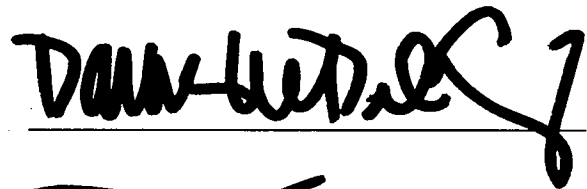
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the early childhood education
 2 articulation working group is requested to submit a report of
 3 its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations,
 4 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to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

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of
 9 Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY:





~~Don K. Kelani~~
