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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD TO PREPARE A REPORT
CONTAINING A ROAD MAP, INCLUDING PROPOSED LEGISLATION, FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 46, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2020.

1 WHEREAS, providing every child with access to early
2 learning opportunities supports positive outcomes in
3 academics, promotes emotional well-being, and establishes for
4 each child a strong foundation for a lifetime of success; and
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6 WHEREAS, Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, granted the
7 Early Learning Advisory Board new powers, including the power to
8 formulate statewide policy on early learning; and renamed the
9 board the Early Learning Board; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board is composed of seventeen
12 public and private sector members that represent the breadth of
13 early care and education in Hawaii's early learning sector; and
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15 WHEREAS, approximately thirty-four thousand five hundred
16 children aged three or four years reside in the State; and
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18 WHEREAS, only fifty percent of those children have access
19 to early learning options in Hawaii; and
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21 WHEREAS, one of the purposes of Act 46, Session Laws of
22 Hawaii 2020, is to build the infrastructure and develop
23 resources necessary to achieve the objective of providing the
24 capacity to serve one hundred percent of all otherwise unserved
25 children who are three to four years of age, or will not be at
26 least five years of age on or before July 31 of the current
27 school year, with access to learning by the year 2032; and
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29 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 302L-1.6, Hawaii Revised
30 Statutes, the Early Learning Board, among other duties, is
31 responsible for promoting collaboration across agencies and
32 stakeholders serving young children; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
 3 that the Early Learning Board is requested to prepare a report
 4 containing a road map, including proposed legislation, for the
 5 implementation of Act 46, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Learning Board is
 8 requested to convene a working group, composed of relevant state
 9 agency representatives and community stakeholders, to assist the
 10 board for the purposes of the report; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Learning Board and
 13 the working group are requested to update the public regarding
 14 the progress of the report at each meeting of the board or
 15 working group; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Learning Board is
 18 requested to submit its final report to the Legislature no later
 19 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 20 of 2023; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services,
 24 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of
 25 Education, President of the University of Hawaii System,
 26 Chairperson of the Early Learning Board, Director of the
 27 Executive Office on Early Learning, and Chairperson and
 28 Executive Director of the State Public Charter School
 29 Commission.
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