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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE MORE FUNDING AND  
EXPLORE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS TO SUPPORT AFTERNOON CHILDCARE  
FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

1           WHEREAS, the cost of living in Hawaii continues to be among  
2 the highest in the nation; and

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4           WHEREAS, childcare costs are an additional burden to many  
5 family budgets in Hawaii; and

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7           WHEREAS, children with disabilities often require  
8 specialized attention in regards to childcare; and

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10          WHEREAS, during the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic,  
11 remote working options allowed parents with young children to  
12 care for their children at home while still being able to work  
13 full-time; and

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15          WHEREAS, currently, an increasing number of employers are  
16 requiring their employees to return to work physically as in the  
17 days before the COVID-19 pandemic, which increases the need for  
18 childcare aides and facilities equipped to properly care for  
19 children with disabilities; and

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21          WHEREAS, many of these families have difficulty affording  
22 standard childcare, and the scarcity of childcare options for  
23 children with disabilities has further increased the price for  
24 such childcare options; now, therefore,

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26          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
28 Session of 2023, that this body urges the Department of  
29 Education to provide additional funding to hire and train  
30 afternoon childcare aides so they may be properly equipped to  
31 care for children with disabilities; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education collaborate with the appropriate partners and stakeholders to seek further solutions in addressing the childcare needs of Hawaii's families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Department of Education, members of the Board of Education, the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Hawaii State Legislature.

OFFERED BY:



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