
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP
TO CONSIDER PROVIDING CHILD CARE SERVICES AT THE HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL.

1 WHEREAS, the average cost of full-time child care in Hawaii
2 currently exceeds \$13,000 per year; and

3
4 WHEREAS, the rising cost of child care and lack of access
5 to adequate child care services prevents working parents from
6 taking advantage of many social and economic opportunities,
7 including opportunities for civic engagement; and

8
9 WHEREAS, strengthening public engagement is essential to
10 ensuring that legislative outcomes reflect the needs of Hawaii's
11 residents and working families; and

12
13 WHEREAS, the Legislature has adopted measures in recent
14 years calling for the expansion of child care programs in public
15 places; and

16
17 WHEREAS, some legislative employees are also working
18 parents in need of child care assistance; and

19
20 WHEREAS, providing child care services at the Hawaii State
21 Capitol would empower working parents and caregivers to
22 participate more fully in the legislative process; now,
23 therefore,

24
25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Lieutenant
28 Governor is requested to establish a working group to consider
29 providing child care services at the Hawaii State Capitol; and
30



H.C.R. NO. 45

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
2 to:

- 3
- 4 (1) Evaluate opportunities for and possible methods of
5 establishing child care services at the Hawaii State
6 Capitol for members of the public and legislative
7 employees;
 - 8
 - 9 (2) Determine the resources and funding that may be
10 necessary to provide child care services at the Hawaii
11 State Capitol; and
 - 12
 - 13 (3) Assess locations at the Hawaii State Capitol that may
14 be used for the facilitation of child care services;
15 and
 - 16

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
18 to consist of the following members:

- 19
- 20 (1) The Lieutenant Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor's
21 designee;
 - 22
 - 23 (2) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
24 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives; and
 - 26
 - 27 (3) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
28 President of the Senate; and
 - 29

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
31 to invite the following members:

- 32
- 33 (1) A representative from a nonprofit, public interest
34 organization specializing in economic assistance for
35 low-income individuals;
 - 36
 - 37 (2) A representative from a nonprofit public interest
38 organization specializing in advocacy for children;
39 and
 - 40
 - 41 (3) Other relevant stakeholders as recommended by the
42 working group; and



H.C.R. NO. 45

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report on establishing child care services at the Hawaii State Capitol, including any findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

OFFERED BY:



MAR - 5 2024

