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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY TASK FORCE FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BENEFITS AND COVERAGE.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services administers the  
2 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program in this State;  
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5           WHEREAS, while the State is experiencing a modest economic  
6 recovery, the recovery has been characterized as tenuous, at  
7 best; and  
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9           WHEREAS, during this same time period, public assistance  
10 programs have experienced significant budgetary cutbacks and are  
11 constantly threatened with additional cuts; and  
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13           WHEREAS, there is a need to investigate, discuss, and  
14 review possible methods that can be used to ensure that  
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits and services  
16 are being efficiently provided through public resources to  
17 properly address the needs of recipients and their dependent  
18 children; and  
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20           WHEREAS, to help ensure that Temporary Assistance for Needy  
21 Families benefits and services are being efficiently provided,  
22 research can be conducted on what other states are doing with  
23 respect to their own respective Temporary Assistance for Needy  
24 Families program to help to cover the cost of providing  
25 benefits; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that a temporary task  
28 force should be established within the Department of Human  
29 Services to discuss and seek input on the problems faced by the  
30 State in administering the Temporary Assistance for Needy  
31 Families program; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 3 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Human  
 4 Services is requested to establish a Temporary Assistance for  
 5 Needy Families benefits and coverage task force; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
 8 include eleven members, or the member's designee, as follows:

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 10 (1) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by  
 11 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
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 13 (2) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of  
 14 the Senate;  
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 16 (3) The Director of Human Services;  
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 18 (4) The Administrator of the Benefit, Employment and  
 19 Support Services Division of the Department of Human  
 20 Services;  
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 22 (5) The Administrator of the Child Welfare Services Branch  
 23 of the Department of Human Services;  
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 25 (6) The Attorney General;  
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 27 (7) One member selected by the benefit, employment and  
 28 support services division who is a recipient of  
 29 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits; and  
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 31 (8) Four members appointed by the Governor from a list  
 32 submitted jointly by the Speaker of the House of  
 33 Representatives and President of the Senate, with each  
 34 member representing a different organization that  
 35 represents Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
 36 recipients from the counties of Kauai, Honolulu, Maui,  
 37 and Hawaii; and

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 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force  
 40 serve without compensation and receive no reimbursement for  
 41 expenses; and

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 43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force investigate,  
 44 discuss, and review possible methods that can be used to ensure



1 that Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits and  
2 services are provided through public resources to properly  
3 address the needs of recipients and their dependent children;  
4 and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
7 research what other states are doing with respect to the program  
8 that help to cover the cost of the benefits; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
11 develop a working plan of services that Temporary Assistance for  
12 Needy Families recipients may be required to perform to continue  
13 receiving benefit coverage; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
16 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
17 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
18 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
19 2013; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary's Center for  
22 Alternative Dispute Resolution is requested to assist the task  
23 force by providing a facilitator; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force cease to exist  
26 on June 30, 2013; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
30 Director of Human Services, the Attorney General, the Chief  
31 Justice, and the Director of the Center for Alternative Dispute  
32 Resolution.  
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