
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON
THE CORRELATION BETWEEN CHILDREN WHO ARE LATE-BORN AND
EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES.

1 WHEREAS, research shows that the first five years of a
2 child's life contain crucial physical, mental, and social
3 developmental milestones that have life-long effects; and
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5 WHEREAS, late-born children, defined as those born after
6 August 1, are younger when enrolling in kindergarten and then
7 grouped with older children born in the same year; and
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9 WHEREAS, late-born children may not be as developed as
10 their older counterparts when beginning kindergarten and,
11 accordingly, may not perform as well in school as their older
12 counterparts; and
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14 WHEREAS, lower academic performance may affect the self-
15 esteem of late-born children, which in turn may lead to negative
16 educational outcomes for late-born children; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
21 Education is requested to conduct research on the correlation
22 between children who are late-born and educational outcomes; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report on the research
25 conducted may include the raw numbers and percentages of school
26 drop outs by month born and quarter of the year born, access to
27 early learning or preschool programs, ability to read at the
28 appropriate grade level, gender, socio-economic status,
29 ethnicity, identification of special needs, and school complex
30 area; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
2 requested to collaborate with the Governor's Early Learning
3 Coordinator, institutions of higher education, and the regional
4 educational laboratory; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
7 requested to submit a report of its findings and
8 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
9 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the Regular Session of 2013; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
14 Superintendent of Education.

