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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING MANDATORY KINDERGARTEN.

1           WHEREAS, kindergarten serves an important transitional  
2 function, as kindergarteners are expected to learn basic academic  
3 and social skills that prepare them for the demands of first  
4 grade and beyond; and

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6           WHEREAS, kindergarten is a critical part of creating a  
7 literate, productive workforce and ensuring that all children  
8 have access to opportunities that will help them to achieve  
9 their goals in life; and

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11           WHEREAS, while most children are enrolled in kindergarten,  
12 some families do not feel compelled to send their children to  
13 school on a consistent basis because kindergarten is not  
14 mandatory; and

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16           WHEREAS, without the skills that can be gained through a  
17 kindergarten experience, children are placed in a position where  
18 they may fall behind their peers in first grade; now, therefore,  
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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
23 strongly supports the establishment of mandatory kindergarten,  
24 as well as the provision of adequate funding by the State, to  
25 ensure that kindergarten education is available to all five-  
26 year-old children; and

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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
30 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.  
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OFFERED BY: 

