
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE COST OF ESTABLISHING PUBLIC PRESCHOOL
UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education may establish and
2 maintain schools that, in its discretion, it deems advisable,
3 and as the funds at its disposal permits, and such schools may
4 include schools or classes for pregrade education, pursuant to
5 302A-1128, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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7 WHEREAS, research has proven that when they are provided
8 with early learning experiences, children are more prepared to
9 learn when they reach kindergarten and beyond; and

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11 WHEREAS, teachers and parents universally recognize the
12 profound positive effects that early learning experiences have
13 on a child's ability to socialize and to learn in the classroom;
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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of less than a dozen states in the
17 country without a formal statewide preschool system; and

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19 WHEREAS, a study of the costs of establishing public
20 preschool in the Department of Education would help determine
21 its feasibility; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative
26 Reference Bureau is requested to study the cost of establishing
27 public preschool under the Department of Education; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
30 requested to cooperate with the Legislative Reference Bureau and
31 to provide whatever information, assistance, and support may be
32 requested by the Bureau; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, and the Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning.

OFFERED BY: *Jakobi Brown*

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