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## HOUSE 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, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is  
26 requested to study the cost of establishing public preschool  
27 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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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
2 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
3 recommendations to the Legislature not later than twenty days  
4 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative  
8 Reference Bureau, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the  
9 Superintendent of Education, and the Director of the Executive  
10 Office on Early Learning.  
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