
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE THE
REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR HOME CHILD CARE FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services allows for child
2 care cost reimbursement under the Child Care Connection Hawaii
3 program; and
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5 WHEREAS, this reimbursement allows parents to secure stable
6 employment and increase the family's economic wellbeing; and
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8 WHEREAS, center-based care and family child care homes are
9 eligible to receive reimbursements for child care rendered to
10 families receiving subsidies through the Child Care Connection
11 Hawaii program; and
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13 WHEREAS, the reimbursement rates for center-based care for
14 families receiving subsidies has been increased by an average of
15 twenty percent in 2017; and
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17 WHEREAS, the child care rates for family child care homes
18 have remained stagnant since 2009, and at a substantially lower
19 rate than that of the centers; and
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21 WHEREAS, currently the child care rates for family
22 childcare homes are a mere forty-four percent of that of child
23 care centers for the same population and the same services; and
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25 WHEREAS, the number of available child care center seats is
26 low, and even non-existent for infant and toddler care on the
27 islands of Kauai, Molokai, and Lanai; and
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29 WHEREAS, it is in the State's interest to encourage the
30 availability of licensed family child care homes to accommodate
31 the chronic lack of available child care; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
3 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Human
4 Services is urged to raise the reimbursements to family child
5 care homes to seventy-five percent of the current center child
6 care rate; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
9 Services provide incentive bonuses to family child care homes
10 for accreditation; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
14 Services.

