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## SENATE 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 non-existent on several of the neighbor islands; and

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28           WHEREAS, it is in the State's interest to encourage the  
29 availability of licensed family child care homes to accommodate  
30 the chronic lack of available child care; now, therefore,

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32           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
33 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the  
34 Department of Human Services is urged to raise the  
35 reimbursements to family child care homes to seventy-five  
36 percent of the current center child care rate; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human  
3 Services provide incentive bonuses to family child care homes  
4 for accreditation; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.

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OFFERED BY:

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