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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE THE
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES.

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, the child care reimbursement rates are based on
9 federal poverty level percentages; and
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11 WHEREAS, these reimbursements are capped at two hundred
12 percent of the federal poverty level, which is currently set at
13 \$18,000 per year; and
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15 WHEREAS, the reimbursement and co-payment ratios are set at
16 a level that far exceeds the national guidelines of a maximum of
17 seven percent of family income spending on child care; and
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19 WHEREAS, the current child care co-payment ratio in Hawaii
20 is the worst in the nation, at up to nineteen percent of the
21 family income spending on child care; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
24 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
25 Department of Human Services is urged to adjust the co-pay under
26 the Child Care Connection Hawaii program to a maximum of ten
27 percent of family income spending on child care; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
30 Services is urged to create a new three-level scale with the
31 following criteria:
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- 33 (1) Zero percent co-payment for families with incomes at
34 or below one hundred percent federal poverty level;
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- 1 (2) Five percent co-payment for families with incomes
- 2 between one hundred percent and one hundred fifty
- 3 percent federal poverty level; and
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- 5 (3) Ten percent co-payment for families with incomes above
- 6 one hundred fifty percent federal poverty level and up
- 7 to fifty percent of the state median income; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.

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