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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD TO EVALUATE AND REPORT TO  
THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE BOARD'S COMPOSITION AND  
CHARTER AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN.

1           WHEREAS, Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, expanded the  
2 purview of the Early Learning Board, elevated the Board from an  
3 advisory to governing capacity, and altered the composition of  
4 the board; and

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6           WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board's charter was originally  
7 adopted in 2014, when the Board acted solely in an advisory  
8 capacity; and

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10          WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board is placed within the  
11 Department of Education for administrative purposes, is tasked  
12 with the critical function of formulating statewide policy  
13 relating to early learning, and is responsible for:

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15           (1) Directing the Executive Office on Early Learning  
16               (EOEL) on how best to meet the developmental and  
17               educational needs of children, from prenatal care to  
18               entry into kindergarten;  
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20           (2) Providing recommendations to EOEL on improving the  
21               quality, availability, and coordination of early  
22               learning programs;  
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24           (3) Promoting collaboration across agencies and  
25               stakeholders serving young children; and  
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27           (4) Appointing the EOEL director and evaluating the  
28               director on an annual basis; and  
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30          WHEREAS, since 2017, multiple measures have been introduced  
31 to amend or add to the composition of the Early Learning Board,



1 without comprehensive consideration of the Board's charter or  
2 strategic plan; and

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4 WHEREAS, the composition of the Early Learning Board is set  
5 by statute and is not subject to the discretion of the Board;  
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8 WHEREAS, the Early Learning Board's charter and any  
9 strategic planning, on the other hand, are matters within the  
10 purview of the Board's discretion; and

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12 WHEREAS, an evaluation of the current board composition and  
13 charter, in relation to the development of a strategic plan, is  
14 necessary to inform any future legislation related to the  
15 composition of the Early Learning Board or its powers and  
16 functions; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Early Learning  
21 Board is requested to conduct an evaluation of its current  
22 composition and charter, in relation to the development of a  
23 strategic plan; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Learning Board is  
26 requested to develop a five-year strategic plan, propose  
27 amendments to its charter, or both, to guide the Early Learning  
28 Board going forward and inform any improvements thereto; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Learning Board is  
31 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than  
32 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
33 2023 that includes the following:

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35 (1) Findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
36 legislation, related to the Board's composition;  
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38 (2) Findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
39 amendments, related to the Board's charter; and  
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1           (3) Findings and recommendations related to the  
2           development and implementation of a five-year  
3           strategic plan for the Board, if any; and  
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5           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
7 Early Learning Board and Superintendent of Education.

