

---

---

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT A POLICY RELATING TO  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO GUIDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, every child should be given the opportunity to  
2 obtain a high-quality education; and  
3

4           WHEREAS, community schools provide comprehensive programs  
5 and services to meet the unique needs of students and families,  
6 including a lack of stable housing, inadequate medical and  
7 dental care, persistent hunger, trauma, and exposure to  
8 violence; and  
9

10           WHEREAS, according to a report from the Learning Policy  
11 Institute, the four key pillars of a community-schools approach  
12 to education are integrated student supports, expanded and  
13 enriched learning time and opportunities, active family  
14 engagement, and collaborative leadership; and  
15

16           WHEREAS, according to the national Coalition for Community  
17 Schools, best practice shows that having a dedicated, full-time  
18 Community School Coordinator who facilitates the alignment of  
19 school, family, and community resources is a core element of a  
20 successful community school; and  
21

22           WHEREAS, the community school strategy aligns with the  
23 Department of Education's Nā Hopena A'o Framework, strengthening  
24 the sense of belonging, responsibility, excellence, aloha, and  
25 total well-being; and  
26

27           WHEREAS, practices embodied in community schools promote  
28 conditions found in high-quality schools nationwide, especially  
29 with regard to overcoming out-of-school barriers to learning;  
30 and



# H.C.R. NO. 38

1  
2 WHEREAS, research shows that community-school interventions  
3 can result in improvements to a variety of student outcomes,  
4 including attendance, academic achievement, and graduation  
5 rates; and  
6

7 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Consolidated State Plan under the Every  
8 Student Succeeds Act includes community schools as a research  
9 based strategy for school improvement that emphasizes high-  
10 quality teaching, culturally relevant curricula, wraparound  
11 student supports, positive disciplinary practices and  
12 restorative justice, parent and community engagement, and  
13 inclusive school leadership; and  
14

15 WHEREAS, community schools programs are already operating  
16 in many parts of the State, especially in remote, rural, and  
17 economically disadvantaged areas and more students and their  
18 families could benefit from an expansion of community schools;  
19 now, therefore,  
20

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
23 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Board of  
24 Education is requested to adopt a policy relating to community  
25 schools; and  
26

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
28 urged to use the policy adopted by the Board of Education to  
29 guide the expansion of community schools programs to additional  
30 campuses; and  
31

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
34 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.  
35  
36  
37

OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



MAR 04 2024

