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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A WELLNESS
VISIT FOR ANY CHILD WHO HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM A DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION SCHOOL TO BE HOMESCHOOLED.

1 WHEREAS, by law, employees or officers of any public or
2 private school are required to report to the Department of Human
3 Services or the police department suspected child abuse or
4 neglect or any belief of a significant risk that child abuse or
5 neglect may occur; and

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7 WHEREAS, a parent or guardian of a child may submit Form
8 4140, Exceptions to Compulsory Education, which allows the
9 withdrawal from school of a student due to a disability,
10 employment, a family court order, alternative educational
11 programs, or homeschooling; and

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13 WHEREAS, each public school establishes its own protocols
14 for conducting a wellness visit to the homeschooled student; and

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16 WHEREAS, when a child is homeschooled, a child may be seen
17 by a Department of Education staff when the child's assessment
18 is due for third, fourth, fifth, eighth, and tenth grades for
19 children who take the assessment tests on school property; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Department of Education does not have an
22 official process for the timing of visits to a homeschooled
23 student; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Office of Student Support Services oversees
26 the appropriate education for homeschooled students; and

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28 WHEREAS, no information has been provided to the
29 Legislature regarding the welfare of homeschooled students and
30 the services that the Office of Student Support Services
31 provides; now, therefore,

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S.C.R. NO. 88

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
4 Education is requested to conduct a wellness visit for any child
5 who has been removed from a Department of Education school to be
6 homeschooled; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
10 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Director
11 of Human Services.

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OFFERED BY: Kurt Furella

