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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF LATER SCHOOL START TIMES.

1 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that
2 the first school bell ring no earlier than 8:30 a.m. nationwide;
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5 WHEREAS, early school start times are associated with
6 students sleeping less, irritability and fatigue, and difficulty
7 paying attention in class, leading to poor academic performance;
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10 WHEREAS, all but five public high schools in the State
11 begin their school days before 8:30 a.m.; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
15 that the Department of Education is requested to conduct a study
16 of the implementation of later school start times to commence no
17 earlier than 8:30 a.m. and the impact on student health and
18 wellness; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to
21 include public elementary, middle, and high schools; provided
22 that each school maintain the minimum instructional time
23 requirements under section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is also requested to
27 consider state provided school bus and school meal schedules for
28 public schools to align with the later school start times; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
31 requested to submit a report on its study, including any
32 proposed legislation, to the Legislature, no later than twenty
33 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
2 requested to consult with other state agencies concerning its
3 study; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
7 Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of Health,
8 Director of Human Services, and Director of Transportation

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OFFERED BY:

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