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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPLY ALL CLASSROOMS WITH  
NARCAN OR ANOTHER TYPE OF NALOXONE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.

1 WHEREAS, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse,  
2 there were more than eighty thousand reported overdose deaths  
3 involving opioid during 2020; and  
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5 WHEREAS, deaths caused by opioids are often preventable  
6 through timely administration of an opioid antagonist, such as  
7 naloxone, also known as Narcan; and  
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9 WHEREAS, opioid antagonists have been approved by the  
10 federal Food and Drug Administration, and these medications have  
11 been used for more than forty years by emergency medical  
12 services personnel to reverse opioid overdoses; and  
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14 WHEREAS, opioid antagonists have no psychoactive effects  
15 and do not have any potential for abuse, and first responders  
16 and persons with no medical training can learn to administer  
17 opioid antagonists safely; and  
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19 WHEREAS, research has shown that the increased availability  
20 of opioid antagonists does not encourage people to use more  
21 drugs or engage in riskier behavior; and  
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23 WHEREAS, under section 34-16.2, Revised Ordinances of  
24 Honolulu, various businesses that sell or serve liquor are  
25 required to maintain two doses of naloxone on their premises;  
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28 WHEREAS, placing naloxone doses in every public school  
29 classroom can help to prevent deaths caused by accidental opioid  
30 overdoses; now, therefore,  
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
34 that the Department of Education is urged to supply all  
35 classrooms with Narcan or another type of naloxone by September  
36 1, 2024; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

OFFERED BY: 

