
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COORDINATE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE NINTH GRADE ON THE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIMINAL, AND SOCIAL COSTS OF GRAFFITI.

1 WHEREAS, many young students may be unaware of the negative
2 consequences of random acts of graffiti on public and private
3 property; and

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5 WHEREAS, graffiti is a form of vandalism that is punishable
6 by law; it is also a visual blight on schools, bus stops,
7 freeway walls, road signs, buildings, and other public and
8 private property statewide; and

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10 WHEREAS, there has been an increase of graffiti on Oahu,
11 despite efforts to eradicate it by residents, student and
12 community groups, and neighborhoods throughout the island; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation estimates that it
15 spends approximately \$25,000 to paint over one hundred fifty
16 thousand square feet of graffiti each year; and

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18 WHEREAS, the dyes used in the paints, spray paints, and
19 markers used in defacing property is an environmental pollutant,
20 especially when the chemical products end up mixed into runoff
21 water that finds its way into drains and waterways, thus
22 creating a health hazard for Hawaii's people; and

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24 WHEREAS, county governments are allowed to impose civil
25 fines of up to \$1,000 or an amount equal to the actual cost of
26 having the damaged county property repaired or replaced; and

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28 WHEREAS, the courts may order the parents or legal
29 guardians of a minor child who caused graffiti damage to be
30 liable for the real or personal property damage caused by the
31 child; and



