
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SEPARATE NANAKULI HIGH
SCHOOL FROM NANAKULI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

1 WHEREAS, Nanakuli High School and Nanakuli Intermediate
2 School have shared the same facilities for over three decades;
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5 WHEREAS, there were numerous well-intentioned and logical
6 reasons for this consolidation, including enrollment rates,
7 economies of scale, and cost; and
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9 WHEREAS, Nanakuli High School students range in age from 14
10 to 18 years old and Nanakuli Intermediate School students range
11 in age from 11 to 14 years old; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
14 reports that the Waianae Coast, including Nanakuli, has
15 extensive needs in areas of mental illness, family and domestic
16 violence, substance abuse, and teenage pregnancies; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Waianae Coast has the highest rate in the
19 state of teenage mothers between the ages of 12 and 17; and
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21 WHEREAS, according to Na Hulu Mamo Ohana Way, statistics
22 also point to the Waianae Coast as having the most babies born
23 addicted to drugs, the most mothers between the ages of 12 to 17
24 who give birth to addicted babies, and the most mothers between
25 the ages of 12 to 17 who are addicted to drugs; and
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27 WHEREAS, according to the Star Bulletin, in 2006, 30 out of
28 250 seventh graders and 60 out of 260 eighth graders failed to
29 move up to the next grade; and
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1 WHEREAS, fights at Nanakuli High School and Nanakuli
2 Intermediate School have been publicized over the past several
3 years, and have required police intervention; and
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5 WHEREAS, although not publicized, situations of bullying
6 and assault occur on and around the campus; and
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8 WHEREAS, it is difficult for students to succeed
9 academically when dealing with the pressures of bullying and
10 intimidation and teen pregnancy; and
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12 WHEREAS, part of the reason for the higher incidences of
13 these issues may be the intermingling of the younger
14 intermediate students with the older high school students; and
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16 WHEREAS, health and educational professionals believe that
17 younger intermediate students would have a better chance of
18 growing and succeeding in a separate environment from high
19 school students; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the department of
24 education is requested to separate Nanakuli High School and
25 Nanakuli Intermediate School; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that separation may include the
28 possibility of using the same facilities, but reorganizing and
29 reconfiguring curricula to accommodate separate use of
30 facilities; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Education,
34 the Superintendent of Education, and the Governor.
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