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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ASSESS THE EXTENT TO WHICH  
SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE A PLUS  
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, quality after-school programs promote academic  
2 success and positive social relationships; and  
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4           WHEREAS, after-school programs are proven to reduce crimes  
5 against children, crimes by children, and the incidence of  
6 inappropriate behavior among children; and  
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8           WHEREAS, eligible children who attend the A Plus after-  
9 school program include latchkey children and at-risk children  
10 who may be recommended by a school principal for enrollment; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Department of Education defines a "latchkey  
13 child" as one with no adult present in the home to provide  
14 after-school supervision and an "at-risk child" as a student who  
15 is consistently not making satisfactory progress in school or  
16 who is in need of a safe, nurturing environment; and  
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18           WHEREAS, after-school supplemental academic activities do  
19 not supplant the academic programs within the traditional school  
20 day, yet are academically meaningful; and  
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22           WHEREAS, according to Chapter 8-400, Hawaii Administrative  
23 Rules, on the A Plus after-school program, the Department of  
24 Education is to create a program curriculum "to provide  
25 experiences for children that will excite their curiosity,  
26 encourage exploration and inquiry, spur the imagination, and  
27 invite experimentation of a wide range of topics" and that the  
28 program may have various components, including "enrichment,  
29 coordination and physical development, and character  
30 development"; and  
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1 WHEREAS, section 302A-408, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
 2 authorizes the Department of Education to "establish and  
 3 regulate programs of after-school and weekend community-school  
 4 activities for children, including but not limited to childcare  
 5 programs, arts and crafts, hula, ukulele, and other recreational  
 6 projects, wherever feasible, at public school and public park  
 7 facilities"; now, therefore,

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 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 11 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
 12 Education is requested to assess, and report to the Legislature  
 13 on the extent to which supplemental academic activities are  
 14 included in the A Plus after-school program as provided in the  
 15 Department's rules; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
 18 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the  
 19 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 20 the Regular Session of 2008; and

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

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