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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT TO THE  
LEGISLATURE ON THE COST OF ESTABLISHING A SUN PROTECTION  
PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COUNTY-SPONSORED  
PROGRAMS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii schools have the potential to influence  
2 student's behavior particularly with regard to outdoor  
3 activities both during and after school hours; and

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5           WHEREAS, it is estimated that most children and adolescents  
6 spend two and one-half to three hours per day outdoors in the  
7 sun; and

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9           WHEREAS, exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays during  
10 childhood accounts for a significant percentage of a person's  
11 lifetime exposure; and

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13           WHEREAS, the lifetime risk of getting skin cancer is  
14 directly linked to sun exposure and sunburn during childhood and  
15 adolescence; and

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17           WHEREAS, overexposure to the ultraviolet rays of the sun  
18 accounts for the majority of all skin cancers in the United  
19 States; and

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21           WHEREAS, skin cancer is the most common cancer in the  
22 United States, and the American Cancer Society estimates that  
23 approximately two hundred seventy people in Hawaii will be  
24 diagnosed with skin cancer in 2007; and

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26           WHEREAS, schools, along with families and communities,  
27 share the responsibility to promote sun safety; and

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29           WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
30 the World Health Organization, and the National Association of



1 School Boards of Education have published guidelines for sun  
2 safety and skin protection for schools; and  
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4 WHEREAS, because Hawaii's public schools do not have a  
5 comprehensive sun protection policy, it is imperative that the  
6 State act expeditiously to educate and protect the health of  
7 Hawaii's students by establishing a sun protection program in  
8 public schools; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
12 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
13 Health is requested to report to the Legislature on the cost of  
14 establishing a sun protection program for students in public  
15 schools and county-sponsored programs; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
19 Director of Health, the Superintendent of Education, and the  
20 Chairperson of the Board of Education.  
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