

JAN 23 2008

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND ITS TEEN
PREGNANCY EDUCATION PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS TO TRAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO EDUCATE AND RAISE
AWARENESS AMONG TEENS ABOUT TEEN PREGNANCY.

1 WHEREAS, teen pregnancy in Hawaii is a great concern
2 throughout the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, approximately 3,600 teen pregnancies occur a year
5 in Hawaii; and

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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii ranks twelfth in the nation in the number
8 of teen pregnancies; and

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10 WHEREAS, education and awareness are key in preventing
11 unwanted teen pregnancies; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Education can play a significant
14 role in educating teens about teen pregnancy; and

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16 WHEREAS, community groups can also play an important role
17 in providing training to youth groups whom, in turn, can educate
18 others and spread awareness; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
23 Education is requested to expand the peer education program and
24 train peers in providing advice relating to sex and sexuality in
25 order to prevent unwanted teen pregnancies; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
28 further requested to train faculty to talk with teens about sex
29 and teen pregnancy; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
2 also requested to support a program of peer presenters who can
3 speak to classes about the issue of teen pregnancy; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that community organizations with
6 expertise in teen pregnancy are encouraged to offer training to
7 youth groups like the Honolulu Community Action Program's Youth
8 Advisory Council and other interested groups on how to educate
9 and bring awareness to teens on the issue of teen pregnancy; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
13 Education, the Director of Human Services, the Honolulu
14 Community Action Program, and the Hawaii Youth Services Network.
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