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June 29, 2012

The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Hawai'i State Capitol 415 South Beretania St., Rm. 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Tsutsui:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution 258-12 (Draft 2), which was adopted by the Council of the County of Hawai'i on June 19, 2012.

Very truly yours,

Janae K. K. Kawauchi

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The Honorable Calvin T. Say Speaker of the House Hawai'i State Capitol 1428 South King Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

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COUNTY OF HAWAI¹



STATE OF HAWAII

RESOLUTION NO. 258 12 (DRAFT 2)

A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE PROGRAMS IN SEX EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, In the State of Hawai'i, statistics show that 84 out of 1,000 teenage girls become pregnant each year, with only nine states ranking higher; and

WHEREAS, Fifty-two percent of sexually active teens in Hawai'i said they did not use a condom the last time they had sex; and

WHEREAS, Polls show that forty-four percent of Hawai'i teens are sexually active; and

WHEREAS, Teens who become pregnant are less likely to graduate from high school, with only 32 percent of teen mothers obtaining a diploma by the age of 30; and

WHEREAS, Teen parents and their children are more likely to be single parents, be subject to a reduced quality of life and need welfare assistance; and

WHEREAS, Children of teen parents are more likely to develop physical and mental health problems such as low birth weight and mental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Children of teen parents are more likely to be victims of abuse and neglect, resulting in at-risk behavior, including entering into lives of crime, drugs and low academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, As a result of these combined factors, many children of teen parents may be placed into foster care; and

WHEREAS, It is a well-known and documented fact that in countries where sex and sexual education are less inhibited, safe sex and birth control methods are more appropriately applied and abortion and unwanted pregnancy is less prevalent; and

WHEREAS, According to Nobel Prize winning philosopher and sociologist Bertrand Russell, the general public must "I am convinced that complete openness on sexual subjects is the best way to prevent children from thinking about them excessively, nastily or unwholesomely, and also the almost indispensable preliminary to an enlightened sexual morality;" now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I that it urges the Legislature of the State of Hawai'i to enact legislation directing the Department of Education to increase sex education programs, which encourage open and natural discussion on topics of sex and procreation, in all State of Hawai'i Middle and High Schools.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Clerk send copies of this Resolution to the Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor, State of Hawai'i; The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, President of the Senate, State of Hawai'i; The Honorable Josh M.D. Green, Hawai'i State Senator; The Honorable Gil Kahele, Hawai'i State Senator; The Honorable Malama Solomon, Hawai'i State Senator; The Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker of the House, State of Hawai'i; The Honorable Jerry L. Chang, State Representative; The Honorable Denny Coffmann, State Representative; The Honorable Cindy Evans, State Representative; The Honorable Faye Hanohano, State Representative; The Honorable Robert N. Herkes, State Representative; The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, State Representative; The Honorable Clift Tsuji, State Representative; Mr. Donald G. Horner, Chair, Board of Education; Director.

Dated at	Kona, Hawaiʻi, this <u>19th</u> day of <u>June</u> , 2	2012
	INTRODUCED BY:	
	COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI	['I

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Reference: C-721.2/Council

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