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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING
GROUP TO REVIEW AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC
MIDDLE AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, according to the Afterschool Alliance fifteen
2 million children across the United States are alone and
3 unsupervised after school; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 1990, the Department of Education established
6 the After-School Plus Program to provide after-school care,
7 including enrichment activities and supervised recreational
8 activities, until 5:30 p.m. each school day at more than one
9 hundred-ninety participating schools; and
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11 WHEREAS, children eligible to attend the program are
12 elementary-school-age students whose parents work, attend
13 school, or are participating in job-training programs; and
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15 WHEREAS, funding for structured after-school programs is
16 not available to the Department of Education's middle and
17 intermediate schools; and
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19 WHEREAS, after-school programs are effective because they
20 enrich students' experiences outside of school, while also
21 improving their attendance, grades, and behavior in school; and
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23 WHEREAS, quality after-school programs targeted to Hawaii's
24 public middle school students generate significant returns on
25 investment for society as a whole; and
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27 WHEREAS, middle and intermediate school students are often
28 left with few safe and structured opportunities between 3:00
29 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and
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31 WHEREAS, at a time when middle and low-income families and
32 communities are struggling financially and students are falling



1 behind academically, after-school programs are needed now more
2 than ever; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
6 that the Department of Education is requested to convene a
7 working group to review after-school programs in Hawaii's public
8 middle and intermediate schools; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the review include:

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12 (1) A timeline and inventory of existing after-school
13 programs at middle and intermediate schools;
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15 (2) Data regarding current levels of costs, funding
16 sources, and student participation of existing after-
17 school programs at middle and intermediate schools;
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19 (3) Recommendations on improving the availability,
20 quality, and coordination of after-school programs at
21 middle and intermediate schools;
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23 (4) Recommendations on how collaboration can be promoted
24 between agencies and stakeholders providing after-
25 school care in Hawaii; and
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27 (5) The development of efficient and collaborative ways to
28 address funding, logistics, and outcomes of providing
29 structured after-school programs at middle and
30 intermediate schools; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of
33 Education, or their designee, is requested to serve as the
34 chairperson of the working group and to invite the following
35 individuals, or their designees, to be members of the working
36 group:

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38 (1) Director of Human Services;
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40 (2) One middle or intermediate school principal;
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- (3) One representative from a 21st Century Community Learning Center;
- (4) Executive Director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education;
- (5) One representative from the Honolulu Police Department;
- (6) Executive Director of After-School All-Stars Hawaii;
- (7) One representative of Kamehameha Schools; and
- (8) One representative of the private sector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to convene the working group no later than July 1, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education, on behalf of the working group, is requested to submit its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of Human Services, Executive Director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, Executive Director of After-School All-Stars Hawaii, and the Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools.

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