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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CARRY ON ITS WORK TO  
BETTER ENGAGE COMMUNITY GROUPS IN THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN  
AND YOUTH IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1           WHEREAS, community engagement is essential to moving the  
2 educational and learning initiatives in Hawaii forward; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, enacted in  
5 2015, helps to develop and grow local educational innovations,  
6 including partnerships between local leaders and educators; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, enacted in  
9 2015, places emphasis on providing assistance to state  
10 educational agencies and community based organizations that  
11 support student academic achievement; and  
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13           WHEREAS, public-private partnerships with community groups  
14 have made a positive impact in public schools throughout the  
15 State in many areas, including language education, STEM  
16 education, scholarships, and technological educational  
17 resources; and  
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19           WHEREAS, many community organizations in the State are  
20 willing and able to help the Department of Education by  
21 providing real life skills and educational, hands on,  
22 experiential learning opportunities as partners and community  
23 resources that support Hawaii's public school teachers and their  
24 students; and  
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26           WHEREAS, every public middle and intermediate school  
27 student in Hawaii deserves the opportunity to access a safe,  
28 quality after-school program that supports student health,  
29 safety, and overall well-being as well as their learning and  
30 growth by creating a seamless learning day in ways that connect  
31 students to their families, community, and the aina, and reflect  
32 the diversity of Hawaii's student population; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 3 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 4 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the  
 5 Department of Education to carry on its work to better engage  
 6 community groups in the education of children and youth in  
 7 Hawaii's public schools; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 11 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of  
 12 the Community Engagement Office of the Department of Education.  
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