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SENATE 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,



