
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
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 places
9 emphasis on providing assistance to state educational agencies
10 and community based organizations that support student academic
11 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 school student in Hawaii deserves the
27 opportunity to access a safe, quality after-school program that
28 supports student health, safety, and overall well-being as well
29 as their learning and growth by creating a seamless learning day
30 in ways that connect students to their families, community, and



1 the aina, and reflect the diversity of Hawaii's student
2 population; now, therefore,

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

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

