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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN  
FOR A PARCEL IN THE NĀNĀKULI-WAI'ANAE COMPLEX AREA THAT  
WOULD INCLUDE AN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER AND OTHER  
FEATURES.

1 WHEREAS, schools in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area have  
2 consistently ranked among the lowest performing schools in the  
3 State; and  
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5 WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2013, the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex  
6 area participated in the Zones of School Innovation project,  
7 which aimed to improve "priority schools", the lowest-performing  
8 schools in the State; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Zones of School Innovation project targeted  
11 specific areas that served the largest population of native  
12 Hawaiian and economically-disadvantaged students in the State;  
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15 WHEREAS, seven out of ten students in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae  
16 complex area are economically-disadvantaged and fall well below  
17 the state and national averages for educational attainment; and  
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19 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 2393 (Regular Session of 2018) requires  
20 the Department of Education (Department) to establish a  
21 comprehensive plan to establish alternative learning centers in  
22 each school complex area in the State; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Department owns vacant lands situated between  
25 Wai'anae High School and Wai'anae Boat Harbor, identified as tax  
26 map key 850020110000; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Department officials have expressed support for  
29 creating a master plan for the aforementioned parcel, which  
30 would feature an alternative learning center, storefront, marine  
31 science learning center, pool, cultural learning park, and other  
32 features; and  
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1 WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae is, for the most part,  
2 situated adjacent to the Department's parcel on state lands; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae started as a houseless  
5 encampment and has become a non-profit organization; and  
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7 WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae has served and continues to  
8 compassionately serve those facing a lack of adequate housing  
9 and has gained the support of many, including the State  
10 Legislature, which honored Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae leader, Twinkle  
11 Borge, with a floor presentation in 2017; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the State and other organizations continue to  
14 assist Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae in its mission, and the Department's  
15 master plan for its land is not intended to threaten Pu'uhonua o  
16 Wai'anae, but rather to focus on the educational needs of  
17 students in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the State constructed a halau wa'a (canoe house) on  
20 the makai (ocean side) end of the aforementioned parcel, and the  
21 non-profit E Ala Voyaging Academy holds a state lease for the  
22 halau wa'a; and  
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24 WHEREAS, E Ala Voyaging Academy is seeking to renew its  
25 partnership with the Department in the near future and can play  
26 a key role in attracting possible at-risk students who would  
27 enroll in an alternative learning center; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the State awarded funds to the non-profit Na Kama  
30 Kai, which seeks to run an ocean education program at the  
31 Herbert K. Pililaau Army Recreation Center, located near the  
32 aforementioned parcel; and  
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34 WHEREAS, Na Kama Kai has participated in discussions with  
35 Department officials regarding the need for an alternative  
36 learning center in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area and a  
37 possible collaboration between the Department and Na Kama Kai;  
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40 WHEREAS, Na Kama Kai has partnered with the Department on  
41 various ocean safety and education initiatives and seeks to



1 continue and further broaden its partnership with the  
2 Department; and  
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4 WHEREAS, there are a variety of other organizations that  
5 the Department or Superintendent of Education may identify who  
6 can support the effort to establish an alternative learning  
7 center; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2018, that the Department of Education is requested to create  
12 a master plan for the parcel identified as tax map key  
13 850020110000, which would include an alternative learning center  
14 and may also include a storefront, marine science learning  
15 center, pool, cultural learning park, and other features; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to  
18 complete the construction of the alternative learning center and  
19 other features for the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area on the  
20 aforementioned parcel of land by the 2023-2024 school year; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,  
24 who, in turn, is requested to transmit a copy to any other  
25 organization that the Superintendent or Department of Education  
26 determines to be pertinent in supporting the creation of an  
27 alternative learning center; Principal of Nānākuli High and  
28 Intermediate School; Principal of Wai'anae Intermediate School;  
29 Principal of Wai'anae High School; E Ala Voyaging Academy;  
30 Herbert K. Pililaau Army Recreation Center; Chief Executive  
31 Officer of Na Kama Kai; and Pu'uhoanua o Wai'anae Village Leader.  
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