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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REDISTRICT STUDENTS WHO WILL BE LIVING IN THE KOA RIDGE DEVELOPMENT TO THE PEARL CITY-WAIPAHU COMPLEX AREA.

WHEREAS, the Koa Ridge development has started construction on three thousand five hundred new housing units in central Oahu; and

WHEREAS, once completed, the development will offer single family, multi-family, senior, and affordable homes; and

WHEREAS, the development master plan includes plans for a new elementary school, but there are no plans for middle or high schools; and

WHEREAS, there is no designated middle or high school for students who will eventually be living at Koa Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Mililani Middle School is currently transitioning to a single-track calendar because of overpopulation of students at the school, a project that the Legislature has already dedicated \$23,000,000 to complete; and

WHEREAS, this project would be jeopardized if redistricting of Koa Ridge would send additional students to the Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua complex area because Mililani Middle School does not have the resources for additional capacity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education is requested to redistrict students who will be living in the Koa Ridge development to the Pearl City-Waipahu complex area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

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**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 086 REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO

REDISTRICT STUDENTS WHO WILL BE LIVING IN THE KOA RIDGE DEVELOPMENT TO THE PEARL CITY-WAIPAHU COMPLEX AREA.

Purpose of Resolution:

## **Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) appreciates the opportunity to comment on SCR 086, which requests that the Board of Education (BOE) redistrict students who will be living in the Koa Ridge project (Project) to the Pearl City-Waipahu complex area.

The Project is located between the Mililani High School complex, the Waipahu High School complex, and the Pearl City High School complex. The Complex Area Superintendents for the complexes are responsible for determining where the students living in Koa Ridge will attend school. They have begun to study the requirements for Koa Ridge and the capacities at the existing elementary, middle, and high schools.

The Complex Area Superintendents are aware of the efforts to convert Mililani Middle School to a single-track calendar as well as other constraints on school capacity in the Central Oahu District. The process will follow the policies of the HIDOE including efforts to allow the public to comment and notification of the BOE. A decision on the districting of Koa Ridge will be announced before the initial occupancy of the project.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at <a href="https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org">www.hawaiipublicschools.org</a>.