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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND OTHER AGENCY AND  
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO CONTINUE MEETING AS A WORKING  
GROUP FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS.

1           WHEREAS, sexual violence remains a serious and ongoing  
2 threat to the safety and health of children and young people in  
3 the State; and  
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5           WHEREAS, more than half of sexual violence survivors who  
6 receive services at Hawaii's sexual assault centers reported  
7 that they experienced their abuse before the age of eighteen  
8 years; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and  
11 Prevention's Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey for 2013, 2015,  
12 and 2017 indicated that children and young people in Hawaii  
13 experience sexual violence at rates equivalent to or higher than  
14 their mainland counterparts, and in some Hawaii counties these  
15 rates are substantially higher than elsewhere in the United  
16 States; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women  
19 and Arizona State University Office on Sex Trafficking  
20 Intervention's 2019 report, "Sex Trafficking in Hawaii: The  
21 Stories of Survivors", recommended that Hawaii adopt public  
22 school sexual violence prevention education as a preventative  
23 measure to protect students from being trafficked; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the Department of Education and Board of Education  
26 are committed to the tenets of Title IX and have significantly  
27 invested efforts in developing more robust systems to  
28 investigate and respond to allegations of sexual assault,  
29 bullying, harassment, and other forms of sexual violence in  
30 public schools; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the Department of Education's Hawaii Content and  
2 Performance Standards III includes a content area entitled  
3 "Promoting Safety and Preventing Violence and Unintentional  
4 Injury" that addresses violence prevention as a priority risk  
5 topic; and  
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7           WHEREAS, implementation of a program for sexual violence  
8 prevention education in public schools is important to protect  
9 children and young people in the State and position the  
10 Department of Education's Title IX and anti-bullying efforts up  
11 for success; and  
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13           WHEREAS, prevention-oriented child sexual abuse programs  
14 for public school students, school personnel, and parents and  
15 guardians, known as "Erin's Law" after an Illinois survivor of  
16 child sexual abuse, have been implemented at the state- and  
17 district-level in thirty-five other states and the Territory of  
18 Guam and are under consideration by the remaining fifteen  
19 states; and  
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21           WHEREAS, in October 2018, the Department of Education  
22 established a working group to collaborate with other  
23 stakeholders to review Hawaii public schools' current  
24 prevention-oriented child sexual abuse programs and resources  
25 and initiate recommendations to enhance integrated,  
26 comprehensive and sustained support to ensure the well-being of  
27 our youth; now, therefore,  
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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
30 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of  
31 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education and  
32 other agency and community stakeholders are encouraged to  
33 continue meeting as a working group for sexual violence  
34 prevention education in public schools; and  
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36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
37 to submit a report on updates of its progress and any policy and  
38 resource recommendations to the Legislature and Board of  
39 Education at least twenty days prior to the convening of the  
40 Regular Sessions of 2020 and 2021; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board  
3 of Education and Superintendent of Education.  
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