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## SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT OCEAN SAFETY AND STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION FOR ALL FOURTH GRADE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii has seen a recent spike in local resident  
2 drownings; and

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4           WHEREAS, ocean and water safety awareness at a young age is  
5 key to drowning prevention; and

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7           WHEREAS, in the past the Department of Education provided  
8 water safety education to all public school students; and

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10          WHEREAS, the Nānākuli-Waianae Complex Area partnered with  
11 Nā Kama Kai to implement ocean safety and stewardship education  
12 for all fourth grade students within the Complex Area; and

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14          WHEREAS, Nā Kama Kai's mission is to connect Hawaii's keiki  
15 with the ocean and nurture a deep sense of stewardship for their  
16 natural environment; and

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18          WHEREAS, ocean safety and stewardship education should be  
19 reintroduced to public school students to increase awareness and  
20 prevent ocean drownings; now, therefore,

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22          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
23 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of  
24 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is  
25 encouraged to implement ocean safety and stewardship education  
26 for all fourth grade public school students and to partner with  
27 Nā Kama Kai; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
3 Education, Superintendent of Education, and Chief Executive  
4 Officer of Nā Kama Kai.  
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