THE SENATE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020 STATE OF HAWAII S.C.R. NO. 104

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE VOTER REGISTRATION IN THE STATE AND REGISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM AS A CONDITION FOR RECEIVING A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN THE STATE.

1 2 3 4	WHEREAS, the promotion of civic education, democratic discourse, and public participation, particularly among young people, is a priority in the State; and
5 6 7 8 9 10	WHEREAS, in addition to coursework in history and government studies, satisfactory completion of "Participation in Democracy", a course that emphasizes civic discourse and active citizenship, is mandatory for any public school student in the State in order to earn a Hawaii high school diploma; and
10 11 12 13 14	WHEREAS, students in this course examine government structures, political activities, democratic processes, and other contemporary civic issues; and
15 16 17	WHEREAS, at the federal level, civic participation is encouraged and even required in certain circumstances; and
18 19 20 21 22	WHEREAS, specifically, male United States citizens and male immigrant non-citizens who are not otherwise exempt are required to register with the United States Selective Service System within thirty days of reaching the age of eighteen, and remain registered until the age of twenty-six; and
23 24 25 26 27	WHEREAS, the federal selective service registration requirement ensures a fair and equitable military draft, if ever required, to protect our nation; and
28 29	WHEREAS, registration with the United States Selective Service System is required to qualify for various federal



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1 programs and opportunities, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, certain student loans, Pell grants, federal 2 3 employment, federally funded job training, and citizenship 4 through naturalization; and 5 6 WHEREAS, establishing voter registration in the State and 7 registration in the United States Selective Service System as a condition for the issuance of a Hawaii high school diploma to 8 any public high school student in the State promotes the 9 10 interests and priorities of the State; now, therefore, 11 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature 13 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education is 14 requested to require voter registration in the State and 15 registration in the United States Selective Service System 16 17 pursuant to title 50 United States Code chapter 49, as amended, 18 as a condition for receiving a public high school diploma in the 19 State; and 20 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any requirement to register 22 with the federal selective service should not apply to any 23 student who qualifies for the exemption for persons conscientiously opposed to war as specified in title 5 United 24 States Code chapter 49, section 3806, as amended; and 25 26 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education is 28 requested to adopt administrative rules to effectuate the 29 purposes of this resolution; and 30 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, 33 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education. 34 35 36 MAR. M/ 37 OFFERED BY:

By Request

