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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE ACCESS TO TRAUMA-  
INFORMED CARE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO EXPERIENCE  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

1           WHEREAS, sexual violence and sexual harassment are growing  
2 concerns on public school campuses; and

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4           WHEREAS, sexual violence and sexual harassment impair  
5 students' ability to concentrate on educational objectives and  
6 compromise students' sense of safety and overall well-being; and

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8           WHEREAS, under Title IX of the Education Amendments of  
9 1972, all forms of sexual harassment and sexual violence are  
10 prohibited in any education program or activity that receives  
11 federal funding; and

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13           WHEREAS, according to a survey conducted by the American  
14 Association of University Women, fifty-eight percent of students  
15 in grades seven to twelve report experiencing sexual harassment;  
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18           WHEREAS, according to the nonprofit organization Stop  
19 Sexual Assault in Schools, thirty-two percent of students who  
20 experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment reported not  
21 wanting to go back to school after being assaulted or harassed;  
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24           WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of  
25 Education, nearly half of teens who experience teen dating  
26 violence, including sexual violence, experience abuse on campus;  
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29           WHEREAS, according to the anti-abuse organization Break the  
30 Cycle, eighty percent of high school counselors feel unprepared



1 to provide trauma-informed care to students who report being  
2 abused; and

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4 WHEREAS, trauma-informed care involves providing school  
5 staff and students with the skills and support necessary to  
6 manage reactions to traumatic stress and build a positive school  
7 climate; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
10 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
11 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is  
12 urged to increase access to trauma-informed care for public  
13 school students who experience sexual violence; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
16 requested to offer training in trauma-informed care to teachers,  
17 administrators, and school staff to improve reporting,  
18 preventing, and intervening in cases of sexual violence  
19 throughout the Department; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
22 urged to collaborate with victim service providers that assist  
23 survivors of sexual violence in the development of school-based  
24 programs and protocols to help identify and support students who  
25 are victims of sexual violence; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least twenty days prior to  
28 the convening of the Regular Session of 2021, the Department of  
29 Education is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of  
30 its progress in implementing trauma-informed care practices  
31 throughout the Department, including any proposed legislation;  
32 and

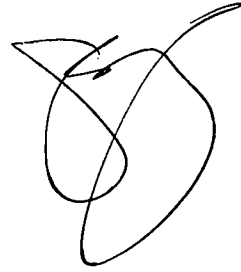
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant  
36 Governor, members of the Board of Education, and the  
37 Superintendent of Education.

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