
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT A REOPENING PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR BASED ON GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

1 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
2 declared a worldwide pandemic due to the nature of the
3 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and
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5 WHEREAS, the aforementioned virus forced the entire State
6 of Hawaii to implement a shelter-in-place order, initially
7 mandated by Governor David Ige in March of this year, with the
8 intent of reducing the number of people potentially exposed to
9 the virus; and
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11 WHEREAS, under that order, large public gatherings were
12 sharply curtailed; and
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14 WHEREAS, attending Hawaii Department of Education schools
15 and school-sponsored events were categorized as large public
16 gatherings and subject to the order; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Education has continued
19 providing instruction through distance learning; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Education has not
22 submitted a finalized plan to reopen the educational system for
23 approval by the Legislature; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
26 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Hawaii
27 Department of Education, in conjunction with the Legislature, is
28 requested to develop a strategy to implement a reopening plan
29 for the upcoming school year based on guidelines established by
30 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Department of
2 Education is requested to submit a report of its findings and
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
4 Legislature no later than June 1, 2020; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
8 Chairperson of the Board of Education.

