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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BROADEN THE CONTENT OF THE  
SOCIAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM TO INCLUDE VARIOUS PRINCIPLES OF  
DIVERSITY.

1 WHEREAS, teaching principles of diversity prepares students  
2 to be global citizens by exposing them to different cultures and  
3 social groups; and

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5 WHEREAS, exposure to principles of diversity allows  
6 students to be prepared to work in settings and situations with  
7 various groups of people; and

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9 WHEREAS, studies show that students feel safer in and out  
10 of school when they receive an education that includes a variety  
11 of diverse perspectives; and

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13 WHEREAS, learning about different social, ethnic, and  
14 religious cultures allows students to become comfortable with  
15 cultural differences across social groups and comfortable with  
16 their own identity; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has made great strides  
19 to include principles of diversity in its social science  
20 curriculum to more accurately reflect the roles of women and  
21 different racial and ethnic groups in society and throughout  
22 history; and

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24 WHEREAS, being educated about diversity increases cultural  
25 competence and reduces discriminatory stereotyping; and

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27 WHEREAS, our community as a whole will greatly benefit from  
28 enhancing our cultural competence to include gender, sexual  
29 orientation, and religion; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Department of Education's anchor standard  
32 SS.9-12.5.1, highlights the importance for students to identify  
33 local, regional, and global problems and issues using  
34 interdisciplinary lenses; now, therefore,  
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# S.R. NO. 17

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the  
3 Department of Education is urged to include social issues and  
4 historical perspectives of gender identity, sexual orientation,  
5 and religious practices in its social science curriculum; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
9 Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.  
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