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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CREATION OF A SAFE GRADUATION TASK FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, high school graduation ceremonies are landmark
2 events in the lives of students and parents; and
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4 WHEREAS, graduation ceremonies serve as both celebrations
5 of achievement and marks of advancement in students' lives; and
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7 WHEREAS, in the last year, the Coronavirus disease 2019
8 (COVID-19) pandemic has constrained or cancelled graduation
9 ceremonies at all levels due to restrictions on public
10 gatherings; and
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12 WHEREAS, successful public health measures, such as
13 testing, contact tracing, mask wearing, social distancing, and
14 vaccination, are now allowing the government to plan for
15 increased gathering and the reopening of public facilities; and
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17 WHEREAS, as a result of these measures, Hawaii may be
18 approaching herd immunity by late spring or early summer 2021;
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21 WHEREAS, allowing high schools to begin planning for spring
22 and summer graduation ceremonies would have both practical and
23 psychological benefits for Hawaii's families and local
24 communities; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of the
29 Lieutenant Governor is urged to convene a task force to
30 establish procedures and guidelines for high schools and other
31 educational institutions to follow to plan safe graduation
32 ceremonies; and

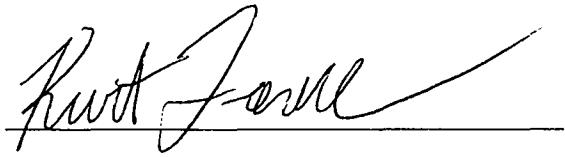


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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force
2 are recommended to include representatives from the Department
3 of Education and Department of Health; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant
7 Governor, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Director of
8 Health.
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11 OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kurt F. Zorn", is written over a horizontal line.