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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSIGN STUDENTS RESIDING IN HONOKAI HALE AND KO OLINA TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPLEX WITHIN THE STUDENTS' GEOGRAPHIC AREA, THE NANAKULI COMPLEX.

1 WHEREAS, research demonstrates that overcrowding in schools
2 negatively affects student achievement levels, stress levels,
3 attendance, and concentration; and
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5 WHEREAS, overcrowding also has a detrimental effect on
6 teacher morale and limits the time available for teachers to
7 adequately plan and deliver lectures; and
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9 WHEREAS, multi-tracking is an approach used to address
10 school overcrowding by dividing students and faculty into
11 multiple groups who attend school year-round on alternating
12 schedules; and
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14 WHEREAS, students in multi-tracked schools have tested an
15 average of two percent lower than students in traditional
16 schools on national reading, math, and language assessments; and
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18 WHEREAS, studies have shown that multi-tracking is more
19 expensive over the long term and can harm community and family
20 cohesion and lead to increased stress and burnout for students,
21 teachers, and parents; and
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23 WHEREAS, multi-tracking is currently used in the Kapolei
24 Complex, where overcrowding is a longstanding problem; and
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26 WHEREAS, overcrowding in Kapolei Complex schools is at
27 least partially attributable to the Department of Education's
28 assignment of students to the Kapolei Complex from Honokai Hale
29 and Ko Olina; and
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31 WHEREAS, reassigning these students to the Nanakuli Complex
32 would help balance the distribution of students among the
33 complex areas within the Leeward District and ease overcrowding



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1 in the Kapolei Complex without the need to multi-track; now,
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the House of Representatives concurring, that, starting with the 2021-2022 academic year, the Department of Education is strongly urged to assign students residing in Honokai Hale and Ko Olina to attend the public school complex within the students' geographic area, the Nanakuli Complex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and principals of all schools in the Kapolei Complex and Nanakuli Complex.

OFFERED BY: Kurt Fessler

