HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSESS AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT EXISTING CURRICULUM AND TRAINING ALIGN WITH ERIN'S LAW.

WHEREAS, Erin's Law is an Illinois state law that was originally adopted and, as of July 2019, has been adopted in thirty-seven states; and

WHEREAS, Erin's Law requires public schools to implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program that teaches:

- (1) Students age-appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult;
- (2) School personnel about child sex abuse; and
- (3) Parents and guardians about the warning signs of child sexual abuse, plus needed assistance, referral, or resource information to support sexually abused children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education currently provides curricula and training programs related to preventing, recognizing, and responding to instances of child sexual abuse; however, it is unclear whether and to what extent the existing curriculum and programs align with the requirements of Erin's Law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education is requested to assess whether and to what extent the Department's existing child sexual abuse curriculum and training programs align with the requirements of Erin's Law; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to work with advocacy groups, including but not limited to the Sex Abuse Treatment Center and Parents and Children Together, in its review and assessment of Erin's law, and in preparing its report to the Legislature; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education.

OFFERED BY: