
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT
A CIVIL RIGHTS CURRICULUM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Movement was pivotal in
2 addressing pervasive social and institutional inequities in the
3 United States; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Movement arose as a response to
6 Jim Crow-era laws, particularly those that established a
7 separate but equal doctrine; and

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9 WHEREAS, nonviolent resistance championed by Dr. Martin
10 Luther King Jr. was central to the Civil Rights Movement; and

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12 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s contributions to the
13 Civil Rights Movement were informed by principles of natural
14 rights and natural law; and

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16 WHEREAS, it is essential for students in the State to learn
17 about and understand the importance of the Civil Rights
18 Movement; and

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20 WHEREAS, a statewide educational curriculum that includes
21 instruction on the Civil Rights Movement would foster more
22 productive civic engagement; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
27 Education is requested to develop and implement a civil rights
28 curriculum through which students in all public elementary,
29 middle, intermediate, and high schools will be able to take
30 courses offering fact-based information on civil rights and the
31 Civil Rights Movement; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
4 Board of Education.
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