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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A CIVIL
RIGHTS CURRICULUM PLAN 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,
26 that the Department of Education is requested to develop and
27 implement a civil rights curriculum through which students in
28 all public elementary, middle, intermediate, and high schools
29 will be able to take courses offering fact based information on
30 civil rights and the Civil Rights Movement; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Education.
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OFFERED BY:

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