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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ENFORCE THE  
PROHIBITION OF EXCESSIVE VEHICLE IDLING AND TO DEVELOP SAFE  
DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES FOR HAWAII'S CHILDREN.

1 WHEREAS, emissions from motor vehicles are one of the  
2 greatest sources of manmade pollution on Earth; and  
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4 WHEREAS, an idling vehicle releases harmful chemicals,  
5 gases, and particle pollution into the air, contributing to  
6 ozone damage, regional haze, and global climate change; and  
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8 WHEREAS, every gallon of gas burned produces more than  
9 twenty pounds of greenhouse gases; and  
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11 WHEREAS, research from the United States Environmental  
12 Protection Agency confirms that personal vehicles generate about  
13 thirty million tons of carbon dioxide every year; and  
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15 WHEREAS, research by the United States Department of Energy  
16 Argonne National Laboratory confirms that idling for more than  
17 ten seconds uses more fuel and emits more carbon dioxide than  
18 engine restarting; and  
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20 WHEREAS, children are particularly vulnerable to air  
21 pollutants because their lungs are still developing, they  
22 breathe faster than adults, and due to their height, they are  
23 closer to the ground and thus closer to vehicle tailpipes; and  
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25 WHEREAS, pollution in exhaust can aggravate asthma and  
26 allergies, as well as contribute to cardiovascular and  
27 respiratory diseases and cancer; and  
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29 WHEREAS, higher levels of air pollution have been linked to  
30 increased school absences, hospital visits, and even premature  
31 deaths; now, therefore,  
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,



1 that the Department of Education is requested to enforce the  
2 state prohibition on excessive idling and to develop pick-up and  
3 drop-off procedures that do not endanger the health and well-  
4 being of Hawaii's children by exposure to exhaust fumes; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and  
8 Chairperson of the Board of Education.  
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OFFERED BY:

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