
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF LATER SCHOOL START TIMES.

1 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that
2 the first school bell ring no earlier than 8:30 a.m. nationwide;
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5 WHEREAS, early school start times are associated with
6 students sleeping less, irritability and fatigue, and difficulty
7 paying attention in class, leading to poor academic performance;
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10 WHEREAS, all but five public high schools in the State
11 begin their school days before 8:30 a.m.; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
16 Education is requested to conduct a study on the implementation
17 of later school start times, to commence no earlier than 8:30
18 a.m. and the impact on student health and wellness; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
21 requested to include in the study public elementary, middle, and
22 high schools; provided that each school maintain the minimum
23 instructional time requirements under section 302A-251, Hawaii
24 Revised Statutes; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
27 also requested to consider state provided school bus and school
28 meal schedules for public schools to align with the later school
29 start times; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
2 requested to consult with the Hawaii State Teachers Association
3 on any requests the Association may have regarding school start
4 times in future bargaining contracts, and include any requests
5 in the study; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
8 requested to consult with other state agencies concerning its
9 study; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
12 requested to submit a report on its study, including any
13 findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, to the
14 Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the Regular Session of 2025; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
19 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of
20 Health, Director of Human Services, Director of Transportation,
21 and President of the Hawaii State Teachers Association.

