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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A WELLNESS VISIT FOR ANY CHILD WHO HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL TO BE HOMESCHOOLED.

1           WHEREAS, by law, employees or officers of any public or  
2 private school are required to report to the Department of Human  
3 Services or the police department suspected child abuse or  
4 neglect or any belief of a significant risk that child abuse or  
5 neglect may occur; and

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7           WHEREAS, a parent or guardian of a child may submit Form  
8 4140, Exceptions to Compulsory Education, which allows the  
9 withdrawal from school of a student due to a disability,  
10 employment, a family court order, alternative educational  
11 programs, or homeschooling; and

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13           WHEREAS, each public school establishes its own protocols  
14 for conducting a wellness visit to the homeschooled student; and

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16           WHEREAS, when a child is homeschooled, a child may be seen  
17 by a Department of Education staff when the child's assessment  
18 is due for third, fourth, fifth, eighth, and tenth grades for  
19 children who take the assessment tests on school property; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Department of Education does not have an  
22 official process for the timing of visits to a homeschooled  
23 student; and

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25           WHEREAS, the Office of Student Support Services oversees  
26 the appropriate education for homeschooled students; and

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28           WHEREAS, no information has been provided to the  
29 Legislature regarding the welfare of homeschooled students and  
30 the services that the Office of Student Support Services  
31 provides; now, therefore,

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33           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
34 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
35 that the Department of Education is requested to conduct a



1 wellness visit for any child who has been removed from a  
2 Department of Education school to be homeschooled; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,  
6 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Director of Human  
7 Services.  
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OFFERED BY:

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