
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL CLIMATE WEEK IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE TO SPREAD CLIMATE AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND PARTICIPATION IN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES.

1 WHEREAS, the State's youth are confronting a rapidly
2 changing world due to the effects of climate change, which
3 directly impacts the Hawaiian islands through coastal erosion,
4 rising sea levels, and more frequent and intense storms, and
5 poses a serious risk to the State's native ecosystems and
6 cultural practices; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State's youth currently experience climate
9 anxiety and uncertainty about their future due to the threat of
10 rising sea levels and environmental instability; and

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12 WHEREAS, fewer than twenty-five percent of teens with
13 climate anxiety receive the help they need; and

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15 WHEREAS, the State's Climate Week does not include
16 activities or initiatives at Department of Education schools,
17 resulting in limited effectiveness in promoting climate
18 awareness among public school students; and

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20 WHEREAS, as a result, not all public school students in the
21 State learn the basic causes and impacts of climate change; and

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23 WHEREAS, climate education in youth has been shown to be
24 one of the most effective ways to combat climate change; and

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26 WHEREAS, teaching the State's youth how to navigate the
27 legislative system to preserve their future will empower them
28 and allow them to take direct action in initiatives that will
29 help secure their future and protect the planet for themselves
30 and future generations; and

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1 WHEREAS, similar initiatives, such as New York's Climate
2 Week and the United Nations' Regional Climate Week, have
3 succeeded in fostering youth engagement, allowing for amplified
4 youth voices in climate-related initiatives; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2025, that the Department of Education is urged to establish
9 an annual Climate Week in all public schools across the State to
10 spread climate awareness, education, and participation in
11 sustainability initiatives; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
14 requested to collaborate with environmental organizations and
15 policymakers to develop an opportunity for interactive climate
16 action and support student-led initiatives that result in
17 positive climate action; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Superintendent of
21 Education, and Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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