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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MED-QUEST DIVISION  
TO COVER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN  
SCHOOL-BASED SETTINGS.

1           WHEREAS, Medicaid coverage is essential to ensuring that  
2 children and adolescents have equitable access to quality  
3 healthcare; and

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5           WHEREAS, there is a worsening mental health crisis among  
6 children and adolescents; and

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8           WHEREAS, school-based behavioral health services can  
9 improve access to care and allow for early identification and  
10 treatment of mental health issues; and

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12           WHEREAS, school-based behavioral health services have been  
13 associated with positive outcomes, especially for children at  
14 increased risk for poor mental health; and

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16           WHEREAS, making behavioral health services available in  
17 school-based settings increases access to those services by  
18 reducing transportation and geographic barriers, as well as  
19 easing caregiver burdens by eliminating the need for parents or  
20 guardians to take time off from work; and

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22           WHEREAS, although schools can be the setting for and  
23 providers of Medicaid-covered services, the Med-QUEST Division  
24 of the Department of Human Services has the leading role in  
25 determining which services are covered by Medicaid when  
26 furnished in or by schools and how school-based providers are  
27 paid; now, therefore,

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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
32 Human Services Med-QUEST Division is requested to cover



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1 behavioral health services for children and adolescents in  
2 school-based settings; and

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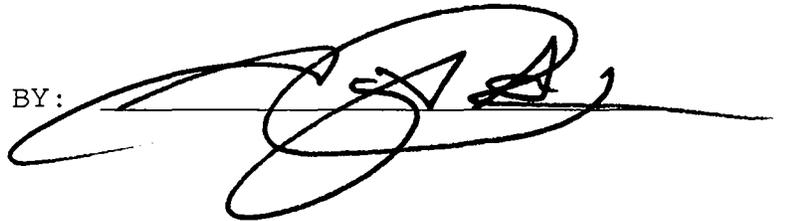
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant  
6 Governor, Director of Human Services, Chairperson of the Board  
7 of Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of Health,  
8 Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division, Deputy Director of  
9 Behavioral Health, and Administrator of the Child and Adolescent  
10 Mental Health Division.

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