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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO END THE PRACTICE OF
MANDATING THAT CERTAIN STUDENTS ATTEND A SCHOOL OUTSIDE
THEIR SERVICE AREA.

1 WHEREAS, overcrowding in schools negatively affects student
2 achievement levels, stress levels, attendance, and
3 concentration; and

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5 WHEREAS, school overcrowding also has a detrimental effect
6 on teacher morale, and limits the time available for teachers to
7 plan and deliver lessons adequately; and

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9 WHEREAS, one approach used to address school overcrowding
10 is multi-tracking, which divides students and faculty into
11 multiple groups who attend school year-round on alternating
12 schedules; and

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14 WHEREAS, multi-tracked schools have achieved average test
15 scores that are two percent lower than students in traditional
16 schools for national reading, math, and language assessments;
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19 WHEREAS, studies have shown that multi-tracking is more
20 expensive over the long-term and can harm community and family
21 cohesion, leading to increased stress and burnout for students,
22 teachers, and families; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Kapolei complex has experienced school
25 overcrowding and implemented multi-tracking to address it; and

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27 WHEREAS, the overcrowding in the Kapolei complex is
28 partially caused by the mandatory reassignment of students who
29 would otherwise attend a school in the Nanakuli complex; and

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31 WHEREAS, assigning students to schools in their home
32 complex, Nanakuli, would help balance the distribution of



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1 students among the complex areas within the Leeward District and
2 ease overcrowding in the Kapolei complex without the need to
3 multi-track; now, therefore,

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
8 Education is requested to end the practice of mandating that
9 certain students attend a school outside their service area; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
13 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

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16 OFFERED BY:

