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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE TO INSTALL A MINIMUM SET OF ACCESSIBLE RECREATIONAL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN EACH PLAYGROUND LOCATED IN A COUNTY PARK AND TO ESTABLISH COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLANS THAT ENSURE THE LONG-TERM SAFETY, CLEANLINESS, AND FUNCTIONALITY OF EACH PLAYGROUND.

1 WHEREAS, playgrounds and free play provide many benefits to  
2 child development, youth, and communities; and

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4 WHEREAS, accessible playgrounds for young people promote  
5 physical activity, encourage their imagination, boost their  
6 self-confidence and energy, and offer opportunities for  
7 formative social interactions; and

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9 WHEREAS, there is a segment of the State's youth with  
10 disabilities that are unable to use some playgrounds located on  
11 county property; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to enhancing the  
14 inclusion of youth with physical, developmental, or intellectual  
15 disabilities in important socialization activities, including  
16 activities that occur at a playground; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the counties of the  
21 State are urged to install a minimal set of accessible  
22 recreational playground equipment in each playground located in  
23 a county park and establish comprehensive maintenance plans that  
24 ensure the long-term safety, cleanliness, and functionality of  
25 each playground; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimal set of accessible  
28 recreational playground equipment is requested to include a  
29 wheelchair accessible swing set; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all accessible recreational playground equipment installed in county parks comply with the standards set forth in the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design, or any successor or similar guidelines or standards governing accessibility standards for public facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the comprehensive maintenance plans requested to be established by the respective counties include the following key components:

- (1) Regular Inspections: Conduct weekly or monthly inspections to assess the condition of equipment, surfacing, and amenities and identify potential hazards and maintain detailed logs of inspections;
- (2) Preventive Maintenance: Schedule routine maintenance and ensure safety surfacing remains intact and properly leveled;
- (3) Cleaning and Sanitation: Implement a regular cleaning schedule to remove debris, sanitize equipment, and empty trash receptacles, and ensure playgrounds are well-lit to deter illicit behavior and illegal activity, creating a safe environment;
- (4) Accessibility Assurance: Ensure adequate accessibility for persons with physical, developmental, or intellectual disabilities;
- (5) Emergency Repairs: Establish a rapid response system for reported damages and to mitigate issues; and
- (6) Community Engagements: Work with the communities to establish a neighborhood security watch or volunteer patrol; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and the Department of Accounting and General Services are requested to convene a working group that includes the counties to create an inventory of all existing and planned state and county



1 playgrounds; identify different types of accessible recreational  
2 playground equipment, and the cost to purchase, install, and  
3 maintain such equipment; and provide recommendations for how the  
4 State and counties should add accessible recreational playground  
5 equipment into their existing or future playgrounds; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller,  
9 Superintendent of Education, and Mayor and Chairperson of each  
10 County Council of each county in the State.

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