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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING COUNTIES TO INSTALL SPECIAL NEEDS RECREATIONAL PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT IN PARK PLAYGROUNDS.

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 are
10 physically disabled and unable to use some playgrounds located
11 on county property; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to enhancing the
14 inclusion of physically disabled youth in important
15 socialization activities, including activities that occur at a
16 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,
20 that the counties of the State are urged to have a minimal set
21 of special needs recreational playground equipment in each
22 playground located in a county park; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimal set of special
25 needs recreational playground equipment include a wheelchair
26 accessible swing set; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all special needs recreational
29 playground equipment installed in county parks comply with the
30 standards set forth in the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act
31 Standards for Accessible Design, or any successor or similar
32 guidelines or standards governing accessibility standards for
33 public facilities; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the mayor and chairperson of each
3 county council of each county in the State.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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