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# SENATE 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,  
20 that the counties of the State are urged to install a minimal  
21 set of accessible recreational playground equipment in each  
22 playground located in a county park and establish comprehensive  
23 maintenance plans that ensure the long-term safety, cleanliness,  
24 and functionality of each playground; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimal set of accessible  
27 recreational playground equipment is requested to include a  
28 wheelchair accessible swing set; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all accessible recreational  
31 playground equipment installed in county parks comply with the



1 standards set forth in the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act  
2 Standards for Accessible Design, or any successor or similar  
3 guidelines or standards governing accessibility standards for  
4 public facilities; and

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

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- 10 (1) Regular Inspections: Conduct weekly or monthly  
11 inspections to assess the condition of equipment,  
12 surfacing, and amenities and identify potential  
13 hazards and maintain detailed logs of inspections;  
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- 15 (2) Preventive Maintenance: Schedule routine maintenance  
16 and ensure safety surfacing remains intact and  
17 properly leveled;  
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- 19 (3) Cleaning and Sanitation: Implement a regular cleaning  
20 schedule to remove debris, sanitize equipment, and  
21 empty trash receptacles, and ensure playgrounds are  
22 well-lit to deter illicit behavior and illegal  
23 activity, creating a safe environment;  
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- 25 (4) Accessibility Assurance: Ensure adequate  
26 accessibility for persons with physical,  
27 developmental, or intellectual disabilities;  
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- 29 (5) Emergency Repairs: Establish a rapid response system  
30 for reported damages and to mitigate issues; and  
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- 32 (6) Community Engagements: Work with the communities to  
33 establish a neighborhood security watch or volunteer  
34 patrol; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and  
37 the Department of Accounting and General Services are requested  
38 to convene a working group that includes the counties to create  
39 an inventory of all existing and planned state and county  
40 playgrounds; identify different types of accessible recreational  
41 playground equipment, and the cost to purchase, install, and  
42 maintain such equipment; and provide recommendations for how the



1 State and counties should add accessible recreational playground  
2 equipment into their existing or future playgrounds; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller, Superintendent of  
6 Education, and Mayor and Chairperson of each County Council of  
7 each county in the State.  
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