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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all accessible recreational  
3 playground equipment installed in county parks comply with the  
4 standards set forth in the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act  
5 Standards for Accessible Design, or any successor or similar  
6 guidelines or standards governing accessibility standards for  
7 public facilities; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the comprehensive maintenance  
10 plans requested to be established by the respective counties  
11 include the following key components:  
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- 13 (1) Regular Inspections: Conduct weekly or monthly  
14 inspections to assess the condition of equipment,  
15 surfacing, and amenities and identify potential  
16 hazards and maintain detailed logs of inspections;  
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- 18 (2) Preventive Maintenance: Schedule routine maintenance  
19 and ensure safety surfacing remains intact and  
20 properly leveled;  
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- 22 (3) Cleaning and Sanitation: Implement a regular cleaning  
23 schedule to remove debris, sanitize equipment, and  
24 empty trash receptacles, and ensure playgrounds are  
25 well-lit to deter illicit behavior and illegal  
26 activity, creating a safe environment;  
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- 28 (4) Accessibility Assurance: Ensure adequate  
29 accessibility for persons with physical,  
30 developmental, or intellectual disabilities;  
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- 32 (5) Emergency Repairs: Establish a rapid response system  
33 for reported damages and to mitigate issues; and  
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- 35 (6) Community Engagements: Work with the communities to  
36 establish a neighborhood security watch or volunteer  
37 patrol; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and  
40 the Department of Accounting and General Services are requested  
41 to convene a working group that includes the counties to create  
42 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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