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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM THAT SHORTENS SCHOOL HOURS ON FRIDAYS FOR ONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ONE MIDDLE OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, AND ONE HIGH SCHOOL TO ALLOW STUDENTS MORE TIME TO WORK ON HOMEWORK.

WHEREAS, student workload has been increasing, leading to high levels of stress and anxiety among students at all grade levels; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that students benefit from additional time outside of school to complete homework, engage in extracurricular activities, and maintain a healthy work-life balance; and

WHEREAS, providing students with additional time on Fridays to complete homework may improve academic performance, promote better time management skills, and enhance overall well-being; and

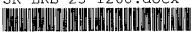
WHEREAS, a three-year pilot program would allow the Department of Education to assess the impact of shortened school hours on Fridays in a controlled and measured manner; and

WHEREAS, selecting one elementary school, one middle or intermediate school, and one high school would provide a comprehensive evaluation across different grade levels; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that the Department of Education is requested to implement a three-year pilot program that shortens school hours on Fridays for one elementary school, one middle or intermediate school, and one high school to allow students more time to work on homework; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to submit annual reports on the progress and outcomes

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of the pilot program to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 including data on student academic performance, feedback from teachers and parents, and 5 recommendations for whether the pilot project should be made permanent, implemented statewide, or terminated; and

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

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