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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE ONE HUNDRED HOURS  
OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FROM EACH STUDENT PRIOR TO GRADUATION  
FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

1           WHEREAS, a stated vision of the Department of Education is  
2 that by the time of high school graduation, students are able to  
3 exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Education recently listed  
6 instilling civic responsibility and action in students as a top  
7 priority; and  
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9           WHEREAS, numerous states, public school districts, and  
10 private schools throughout the nation are embracing the concept  
11 of community service as a requirement for graduation; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the active participation of students in community  
14 service activities is necessary to create good citizens that  
15 contribute to building healthy communities; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the positive impacts of community service include:  
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- 19           (1) Psychological and social development of students;  
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21           (2) Intellectual and academic benefits to students;  
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23           (3) Civic education; and  
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25           (4) Benefits to the community; and  
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27           WHEREAS, community service is an excellent way to instill  
28 in students a sense of civic responsibility, citizenship, and  
29 action by engaging them in active civic participation; now,  
30 therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 3 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education  
 4 is urged to require one hundred hours of community service from  
 5 each student prior to graduation from high school to ensure that  
 6 all students understand their civic responsibility; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
 9 urged to make adjustments to academic programs and elective  
 10 credits so students may meet this requirement; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
 13 requested to work through each high school's career guidance  
 14 program, with community organizations and businesses to find  
 15 service opportunities for students; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
 19 Superintendent of Education, the Chairperson of the Board of  
 20 Education, and the Principal of each public high school.

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