
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALL HAWAII SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT TO
DISCOURAGE INTIMIDATION AND PROMOTE SAFE AND PEACEFUL
SCHOOLS TO CREATE EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the act of bullying encompasses physical
2 aggression, threats, teasing, and harassment, and is a
3 widespread problem in schools; and
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5 WHEREAS, nearly one-third of U.S. students report that they
6 experience bullying either as a target or as a perpetrator; and
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8 WHEREAS, students who reported that they were the target of
9 bullying also reported feelings of loneliness, and difficulty in
10 making friends; and
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12 WHEREAS, students' daily experiences with intimidation and
13 physical abuse in school are largely ignored by school
14 administration and accepted simply as a typical part of the
15 school day; and
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17 WHEREAS, all too often, schools deal with bullying merely
18 by implementing reactive measures such as the installation of
19 metal detectors, surveillance cameras, or extra security aides,
20 none of which address specific underlying issues which may
21 exist, and therefore produce no positive tangible results; and
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23 WHEREAS, many school policies on conduct take into account
24 intimidation among students, but often overlook the volatile
25 relationships that can exist between students and their
26 teachers, administrators, or coaches; and
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28 WHEREAS, adults who supervise students should be held
29 accountable for any volatile relationship with a student because
30 it can have a long-term negative impact on the student's
31 development; and
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WHEREAS, researchers advocate prevention programs which promote positive school and community environments; and

WHEREAS, components of the effective programs include early intervention practices, parent training, teacher training, and attitude changes toward bullying; and

WHEREAS, schools with transparent codes of conduct, smaller class sizes, and fair discipline practices report fewer incidents of violence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the Senate concurring, that all Hawaii schools, public and private, are urged to implement standards of conduct for teachers, administrators, coaches, and students that reduce intimidation and promote safe and peaceful school environments that encourage learning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Superintendent of Education, and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.

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