
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALL HAWAII SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT THAT
DISCOURAGE INTIMIDATION AND PROMOTE SAFE AND PEACEFUL
SCHOOLS THAT ARE 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 United States students report
6 that they experience bullying either as a target or as a
7 perpetrator; and
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9 WHEREAS, students who reported that they were the targets
10 of bullying also reported feelings of loneliness and difficulty
11 in making friends; and
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13 WHEREAS, students' daily experiences with intimidation and
14 physical abuse in school are largely ignored by school
15 administration and accepted simply as a typical part of the
16 school day; and
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18 WHEREAS, cyber bullying is another increased form of
19 bullying that occurs through the use of technological
20 communication, such as e-mail, blogs, chatrooms, and instant
21 messaging, mediums which many students use daily and go
22 undetected by adults; and
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24 WHEREAS, all too often, schools deal with bullying merely
25 by implementing reactive measures such as the installation of
26 metal detectors, surveillance cameras, or extra security aides,
27 none of which address specific underlying issues which may
28 exist, and therefore produce no positive tangible results; and
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30 WHEREAS, many school policies on conduct take into account
31 intimidation among students, but often overlook the volatile
32 relationships that can exist between students and their
33 teachers, administrators, or coaches; and



1 WHEREAS, adults who supervise students should be held
2 accountable for any volatile relationship with a student because
3 it can have a long-term negative impact on the student's
4 development; and

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6 WHEREAS, researchers advocate prevention programs that
7 promote positive school and community environments; and

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

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

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

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

