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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY  
STUDY ON WHETHER A FOOTBALL PROGRAM SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED  
AT MOLOKAI HIGH SCHOOL.

1           WHEREAS, recent studies have strongly suggested the overall  
2 decline in the health of the average American student; and  
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4           WHEREAS, this decline has been attributed to a lack of  
5 adequate exercise and a nutritious diet; and  
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7           WHEREAS, school-sanctioned sports programs teach students  
8 to adopt a healthy lifestyle and encourage students to become  
9 lifelong sports participants; and  
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11           WHEREAS, not all schools in the State have the resources  
12 and expertise to develop and implement sports programs that are  
13 comparable to sports programs in larger schools; and  
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15           WHEREAS, due to Department of Education budget cutbacks,  
16 Molokai High School has struggled to maintain its financially  
17 beleaguered athletic program; and  
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19           WHEREAS, budget cutbacks may have prevented Molokai High  
20 School from offering a football program to its student body; and  
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22           WHEREAS, Molokai High School has produced many talented  
23 athletes, including professional football player Kimo von  
24 Oelhoffen of the world champion Pittsburgh Steelers, who could  
25 not play football in high school because it was not offered; and  
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27           WHEREAS, considering the athletic talent available at  
28 Molokai High School, students should be able to participate in a  
29 school football program that is a part of the Maui  
30 Interscholastic League; now, therefore,  
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32           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
33 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
34 of 2006, that the Department of Education is requested to



1 conduct a feasibility study on whether a football program should  
2 be established at Molokai High School; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to  
5 include in its study:

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7 (1) Whether the Molokai High School student body is large  
8 enough to field a football team;

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10 (2) The costs of establishing a football program; and

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12 (3) If providing a football program is not possible, the  
13 alternatives available to Molokai High School students  
14 who would like to participate in a football program;  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
18 requested to submit a report of the findings and recommendations  
19 of its study to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior  
20 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,  
24 the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Executive  
25 Director of the Maui Interscholastic League, and the Principal  
26 of Molokai High School.

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