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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PLAN FOR ENROLLMENT  
INCREASES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS IN  
SOUTH KOHALA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the South Kohala area of the island of Hawaii has  
2 experienced unprecedented growth, issuing seven hundred fourteen  
3 building permits in 2004 and eight hundred fifty-four building  
4 permits in 2005; and  
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6           WHEREAS, there are 2,194 single family dwelling units and  
7 six hundred twenty-seven multiple family dwelling units  
8 projected for construction in the Waikoloa area on the island of  
9 Hawaii; and  
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11           WHEREAS, there are 2,876 single family dwelling units and  
12 one hundred multiple family dwelling units projected for  
13 construction in the Waimea area on the island of Hawaii; and  
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15           WHEREAS, research shows that over six thousand nine hundred  
16 homes have been approved for construction, with twelve hundred  
17 lots to be developed as workforce housing, three hundred eighty-  
18 four lots to be developed as affordable housing, and one  
19 thousand two hundred ten homes to be developed for the  
20 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and  
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22           WHEREAS, in the case of large-scale residential development  
23 for an area, the Department of Education enrollment projection  
24 methodology uses the expected number of units to be delivered in  
25 a given month or year multiplied by an enrollment factor; the  
26 Department also considers types of housing units and variables  
27 such as census births, grade level size, and private school  
28 enrollment; and  
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30           WHEREAS, students in Waikoloa currently travel  
31 approximately eighteen miles north of Waikoloa to attend middle



1 school and twenty-eight miles south of Waikoloa to attend high  
2 school; and

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4 WHEREAS, the roads on the island of Hawaii already have the  
5 highest fatality rates in the State and traffic congestion  
6 continues to increase at a rapid rate; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
10 of 2006, that the Department of Education is urged to plan for  
11 enrollment increases in public schools in South Kohala; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,  
14 when planning for new schools in the Kohala area, is urged to  
15 consider eliminating the need for the student population to  
16 travel long distances to get to school, thus increasing the  
17 safety of Kohala area students; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
20 requested to submit a report of its findings, recommendations,  
21 proposed legislation, if any, and progress to the Legislature  
22 not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
23 Session of 2007; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of  
27 the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, and the  
28 Hawaii Complex Area Superintendent.

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