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# HOUSE 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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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 urged to require



1 one hundred hours of community service from each student prior  
2 to graduation from high school to ensure that all students  
3 understand their civic responsibility; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
6 urged to make adjustments to academic programs and elective  
7 credits so students may meet this requirement; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
10 requested to work through each high school's career guidance  
11 program, with community organizations and businesses to find  
12 service opportunities for students; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Superintendent of  
16 Education, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the  
17 Principal of each public high school.  
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