
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES
REGARDING THE RIGHT OF ALL CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TO
A PUBLIC EDUCATION OF EQUAL HIGH QUALITY.

1 WHEREAS, public education is the cornerstone of the future
2 strength and viability of our local communities and the state
3 and nation as a whole; and
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5 WHEREAS, public education is a potential lifeline for the
6 continued evolution and realization of the principles of
7 democracy upon which this nation was founded; and
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9 WHEREAS, the right to a free and public education is not
10 guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States; and
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12 WHEREAS, currently the responsibility for creating,
13 funding, and maintaining effective and high-quality public
14 education systems falls on the shoulders of states, state
15 legislatures, local school boards, and disparate populations of
16 taxpayers; and
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18 WHEREAS, the quality and funding of public education varies
19 greatly among the states, counties, and local school districts;
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22 WHEREAS, many states, including Hawaii, do not always have
23 the resources to create the type of high-quality education
24 system that our children, adolescents, and young adults need to
25 acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to lead successful
26 careers and satisfying lives as productive members of society;
27 now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2006, that this body supports an amendment to the



1 Constitution of the United States regarding the right of all
2 citizens of the United States to a public education of equal
3 high quality, as presented in House Joint Resolution 29, which
4 was introduced by United States Representative Jesse L. Jackson,
5 Jr., from the Second Congressional District of Illinois,
6 stating:

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8 "SECTION 1. All persons shall enjoy the right
9 to a public education of equal high quality.

10 SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to
11 enforce and implement this article by appropriate
12 legislation.";

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
18 President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United
19 States House of Representatives, members of Hawaii's
20 Congressional delegation, and the Governor.

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OFFERED BY: Tony White
by Request

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