
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC-
PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROJECT WITH THE STUDENT FUTURE
AWARENESS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES TO
MINIMIZE DRUG USE, GANG ACTIVITY, AND VIOLENCE AMONG
HAWAII'S SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH.

1 WHEREAS, instances of substance abuse, bullying, gang
2 activity, violence, and disrespect for authority have reached
3 alarming proportions in Hawaii's elementary, middle, and high
4 schools; and

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6 WHEREAS, school administrators, personnel, and support
7 staff struggle to maintain workloads and achieve standards that
8 focus only on educational goals; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Student Future Awareness Program educates
11 students about the consequences of negative involvement with
12 gangs, violence, and drugs; and

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14 WHEREAS, the program teaches students the links between
15 issues that include: negative peer pressure, drug use, gang
16 violence, sexuality, runaways, and youth living on the streets;
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19 WHEREAS, the program assists students with choosing
20 alternate strategies to deal with negative peer pressure, home
21 problems, and school stress by encouraging them to make
22 decisions that lead to positive recognition and enhanced
23 acceptance among their peers and community members; and

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25 WHEREAS, the program honors students' freedom to make life
26 choices that will result in positive outcomes and will help them
27 to become law-abiding, successful citizens; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Student Future Awareness Program proposes to
2 bring its program to all students at the elementary, middle, and
3 high school grade levels; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Health provides education,
6 outreach, and awareness to school-age youth on drug abstinence,
7 sexually transmitted diseases, cessation of tobacco use, and
8 healthy lifestyles; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services provides
11 training, education, and public awareness programs affecting the
12 capacity of Hawaii youth to be productive members of society;
13 now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
18 Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human
19 Services, are requested to implement a public-private
20 partnership pilot project with the Student Future Awareness
21 Program to provide early intervention services to minimize drug
22 use, gang activity, and violence among Hawaii's school-age
23 youth; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public-private partnership
26 pilot project is requested to adopt the goal of providing
27 services to all elementary, middle, and high school students on
28 the island of Oahu within the 2006-2007 school year; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
31 Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and the
32 Future Student Awareness Program are requested to submit a
33 report on the status of the pilot project, including proposed
34 legislation, if any, no later than twenty days prior to the
35 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
3 Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the
4 Director of Health, the Director of Human Services, and the
5 Executive Director of the Student Future Awareness Program.
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