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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALL HAWAII SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT TO  
DISCOURAGE INTIMIDATION AND PROMOTE SAFE AND PEACEFUL  
SCHOOLS TO CREATE EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

1           WHEREAS, the act of bullying encompasses physical  
2 aggression, threats, teasing, and harassment, and is a  
3 widespread problem in schools; and  
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5           WHEREAS, nearly one-third of U.S. students report that they  
6 experience bullying either as a target or as a perpetrator; and  
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8           WHEREAS, students who reported that they were the target of  
9 bullying also reported feelings of loneliness, and difficulty in  
10 making friends; and  
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12           WHEREAS, students' daily experiences with intimidation and  
13 physical abuse in school are largely ignored by school  
14 administration and accepted simply as a typical part of the  
15 school day; and  
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17           WHEREAS, all too often, schools deal with bullying merely  
18 by implementing reactive measures such as the installation of  
19 metal detectors, surveillance cameras, or extra security aides,  
20 none of which address specific underlying issues which may  
21 exist, and therefore produce no positive tangible results; and  
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23           WHEREAS, many school policies on conduct take into account  
24 intimidation among students, but often overlook the volatile  
25 relationships that can exist between students and their  
26 teachers, administrators, or coaches; and  
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28           WHEREAS, adults who supervise students should be held  
29 accountable for any volatile relationship with a student because  
30 it can have a long-term negative impact on the student's  
31 development; and  
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1 WHEREAS, researchers advocate prevention programs which  
2 promote positive school and community environments; and  
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4 WHEREAS, components of the effective programs include early  
5 intervention practices, parent training, teacher training, and  
6 attitude changes toward bullying; and  
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8 WHEREAS, schools with transparent codes of conduct, smaller  
9 class sizes, and fair discipline practices report fewer  
10 incidents of violence; now, therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
14 House of Representatives concurring, that all Hawaii schools,  
15 public and private, are urged to implement standards of conduct  
16 for teachers, administrators, coaches, and students that reduce  
17 intimidation and promote safe and peaceful school environments  
18 that encourage learning; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
22 Superintendent of Education, and the Executive Director of the  
23 Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.  
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