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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING  
COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS ON THE BIG ISLAND THAT ENCOURAGE  
POSITIVE YOUTH OUTCOMES, INCLUDING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is committed to the youth of  
2 our state, as they truly represent the finest and best for a  
3 better and brighter future; and  
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5           WHEREAS, it is the State's goal to empower all students and  
6 help provide opportunities that nurture and encourage them to  
7 use their abilities, soar to new heights, and recognize their  
8 fullest potential; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes students as our top  
11 priority, demonstrating its commitment to public school reform,  
12 thereby achieving greater decision-making at the school level,  
13 ensuring that schools receive realistic funding, and increasing  
14 accountability at all levels; and  
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16           WHEREAS, in today's society, students encounter many  
17 challenges that present possible stumbling blocks and obstacles  
18 that may prevent them from achieving their highest potential;  
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21           WHEREAS, every day, students face the threats of substance  
22 abuse, teen pregnancy, school violence, and a host of other  
23 negative influences; and  
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25           WHEREAS, by channeling their energies and efforts to  
26 constructive programs and "real world" activities, students can  
27 further develop their talents, knowledge, and willingness to  
28 serve the needs of others; and  
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30           WHEREAS, the State recognizes the power of each community  
31 to bring various parties, agencies, and people together for the  
32 common goal of advancing the interests of our youth; and



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1 WHEREAS, students from various schools on the Big Island  
 2 have begun to initiate efforts to develop programs that present  
 3 opportunities for leadership development, civic responsibility,  
 4 personal growth and development, and a strong sense of  
 5 confidence and pride; now, therefore,  
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
 8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
 9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
 10 Education (DOE), with broad community participation and in  
 11 conjunction with youth, various community leaders, and other  
 12 agencies, is requested to assist in developing community-based  
 13 programs on the Big Island that encourage positive youth  
 14 outcomes, including leadership development, team spirit, high  
 15 self-esteem, and reinforcement of values that result in positive  
 16 contributions to the community; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOE is requested to submit  
 19 a report to the Legislature on the progress of the collective  
 20 efforts of establishing community-based programs for youth no  
 21 later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
 22 of 2007; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
 26 Education, Rural South Hilo Community Association, North Hilo  
 27 Community Council, Imua Hamakua, and Kohala Intergenerational  
 28 Center.  
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