
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EXEMPT THE HIGH CORE PROGRAM'S COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL ALIENATION PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA BUDGETING PROCESS AS WAS INTENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the High Core Program, formerly operating as the
2 Storefront School in Wahiawa, has been the Department of
3 Education's Alternative Learning Center covering Central Oahu's
4 North and South areas for the past thirty-eight years, and
5 annually services three hundred of these areas' most severely
6 alienated youth; and

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8 WHEREAS, the High Core Program has welcomed regular
9 education, special education, and students who act out in
10 traditional school settings by exhibiting inappropriate
11 behaviors towards themselves and others, and have been known to
12 make significantly inappropriate choices and take inappropriate
13 actions towards themselves and others; and

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15 WHEREAS, the High Core Program enables students with
16 special needs to engage in academic lessons and activities, and
17 in intensive individual and family counseling, making it
18 possible for them to earn the credits necessary either to
19 graduate from high school or to be promoted to the next grade
20 level; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Committee on Weights and the Board of
23 Education made the determination to exempt all Alternative
24 Learning Centers in the State of Hawaii from the weighted
25 student formula budgeting process, which includes the High Core
26 Program in its entirety as the Central District's Alternative
27 Learning Center; and

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29 WHEREAS, the High Core Program has been funded by monies
30 from the Department of Education's Alternative Learning Center



1 and the Comprehensive School Alienation Program for more than
2 two decades; and
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4 WHEREAS, monies from the Comprehensive School Alienation
5 Program are not exempt from the weighted student formula
6 budgeting process; and
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8 WHEREAS, the High Core Program is the only Alternative
9 Learning Center that has been receiving Comprehensive School
10 Alienation Program funding to conduct its work, and the only one
11 that now stands to lose a necessary source of funding through
12 implementation of the weighted student formula; and
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14 WHEREAS, necessary and intensive academic and counseling
15 services for severely alienated students in the Central school
16 areas may have to be cut or reduced due to this unintentional
17 loss of funding; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
22 Education is requested to exempt from the weighted student
23 formula budget process all Comprehensive School Alienation
24 Program monies used for the High Core Program; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exempted funds will be
27 combined with Alternative Learning Center funding to enable the
28 High Core Program to continue to provide uninterrupted services
29 as the Central District's North and South areas' Alternative
30 Learning Center; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exempted funds will allow
33 the High Core Program to operate fully-funded in a manner
34 similar to all other statewide Alternative Learning Centers, in
35 accordance with the determination made by the Committee on
36 Weights and the Board of Education; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this exemption shall continue
39 for as long as it is necessary to preserve the High Core
40 Program's funding intact, and ensure the equity of the services
41 provided to severely alienated youth by Alternative Learning
42 Centers statewide; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
3 of Education, the Chair of the Committee on Weights, the
4 Superintendent of Education, and the Director of the High Core
5 Program.

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