
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT A 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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29 WHEREAS, the Department of Health provides education,
30 outreach, and awareness to school-age youth on drug abstinence,
31 sexually transmitted diseases, cessation of tobacco use, and
32 healthy lifestyles; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services provides
2 training, education, and public awareness programs affecting the
3 capacity of Hawaii youth to be productive members of society;
4 now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
8 that Department of Health is requested to implement a public-
9 private partnership pilot project with the Student Future
10 Awareness Program to provide early intervention services to
11 minimize drug use, gang activity, and violence among Hawaii's
12 school-age youth; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
15 requested to implement this pilot project in collaboration with:
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- 17 (1) The Department of Education;
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- 19 (2) The Department of Human Services; and
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- 21 (3) The Department of Public Safety with guidance from the
22 Department of the Attorney General on issues of safety
23 and liability; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementors of this pilot
26 project are requested to work with a recognized University of
27 Hawaii researcher of risk-reducing behaviors among youth, to
28 evaluate the effectiveness of this program; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the
31 Student Future Awareness Program serve as a pilot project to
32 selected elementary, middle, and high schools on the island of
33 Oahu within the 2006-2007 school year; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and
36 other implementors of this pilot project are requested to assess
37 the feasibility of integrating the Student Future Awareness
38 Program into existing school programs or curricula; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
41 requested to submit a report on the status of the pilot project,
42 including proposed legislation, if any, to the Legislature no
43 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
44 Session of 2008; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the
3 Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of
4 Education, the Director of Human Services, the Director of
5 Public Safety, the Attorney General, and the Executive Director
6 of the Student Future Awareness Program.

