
SENATE 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



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,
 9 that the Department of Education (DOE), with broad community
 10 participation and in conjunction with youth, various community
 11 leaders, and other agencies, is requested to assist in
 12 developing community-based programs on the Big Island that
 13 encourage positive youth outcomes, including leadership
 14 development, team spirit, high self-esteem, and reinforcement of
 15 values that result in positive contributions to the community;
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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 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,
 26 Rural South Hilo Community Association, North Hilo Community
 27 Council, Imua Hamakua, and Kohala Intergenerational Center.

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