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



1 Education, the Chair of the Committee on Weights, the
2 Superintendent of Education, and the Director of the High Core
3 Program.
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