HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO INCREASE ACADEMIC SERVICES TO STUDENTS IN THE AFTER-SCHOOL PLUS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the education of Hawaii's public school students 1 occurs not only during school hours but also after the school 2 day has ended; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, the After-school Plus Program (A+ Program), which first began in 1990, provides a valuable resource to students 6 and their parents through: 7 8 (1) Assistance with homework; 9 10 (2) Enrichment activities; and 11 12 13 (3) Supervised recreational activities, 14 that extend beyond basic custodial care; and 15 16 WHEREAS, among other things, the A+ Program: 17 18 Offers a stimulating and caring environment for 19 students; 20 21 (2) Reinforces and expands students' learning experiences; 22 23 Enhances the relationship between home and school to (3) 24 meet students' needs collaboratively; 25 26 (4) Improves students' level of physical fitness; and 27 28 (5) Makes better use of school facilities; 29 30 31 and

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WHEREAS, the A+ Program is an important and integral component in helping students achieve their educational goals and reach their potential; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education (DOE) is requested to develop a plan to increase academic services to students in the A+ Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the academic services include:

(1) Tutoring for specific academic subjects;

(2) Training in study skills, such as time management and note-taking;

(3) Training in test-taking skills; and

(4) Other services in addition to the homework-assistance services, enrichment activities, and supervised recreational activities currently offered by the A+ Program;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOE is requested to submit the plan to the Legislature at least 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Education.

OFFERED BY:

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