
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ASSESS THE EXTENT TO WHICH
SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE A PLUS
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, quality after-school programs promote academic
2 success and positive social relationships; and
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4 WHEREAS, after-school programs are proven to reduce crimes
5 against children, crimes by children, and the incidence of
6 inappropriate behavior among children; and
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8 WHEREAS, eligible children who attend the A Plus after-
9 school program include latchkey children and at-risk children
10 who may be recommended by a school principal for enrollment; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Department of Education defines a "latchkey
13 child" as one with no adult present in the home to provide
14 after-school supervision and an "at-risk child" as a student who
15 is consistently not making satisfactory progress in school or
16 who is in need of a safe, nurturing environment; and
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18 WHEREAS, after-school supplemental academic activities do
19 not supplant the academic programs within the traditional school
20 day, yet are academically meaningful; and
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22 WHEREAS, according to Chapter 8-400, Hawaii Administrative
23 Rules, on the A Plus after-school program, the Department of
24 Education is to create a program curriculum "to provide
25 experiences for children that will excite their curiosity,
26 encourage exploration and inquiry, spur the imagination, and
27 invite experimentation of a wide range of topics" and that the
28 program may have various components, including "enrichment,
29 coordination and physical development, and character
30 development"; and
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32 WHEREAS, section 302A-408, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
33 authorizes the Department of Education to "establish and
34 regulate programs of after-school and weekend community-school



1 activities for children, including but not limited to childcare
2 programs, arts and crafts, hula, ukulele, and other recreational
3 projects, wherever feasible, at public school and public park
4 facilities"; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2007, that the Department of Education is requested
9 to assess, and report to the Legislature on the extent to which
10 supplemental academic activities are included in the A Plus
11 after-school program as provided in the Department's rules; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
14 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the
15 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
16 the Regular Session of 2008; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
20 Education and the Superintendent of Education.
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OFFERED BY:

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