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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATING  
REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH ANGER PROBLEMS.

1           WHEREAS, today's world of modern technology is capable of  
2 exposing us to events occurring across the globe, such as the  
3 Iraq war, and we are constantly reminded that the issues of  
4 aggression and antagonism remain a huge challenge for people to  
5 overcome; and

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7           WHEREAS, the violence that exists within our own country is  
8 made sadly evident by the actions of our youth, including  
9 shootings and reports of violence within colleges, high schools,  
10 and even in middle and elementary schools; and

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12           WHEREAS, Hawaii's unique island location serves as a bridge  
13 between the East and the West, bringing many different cultures  
14 together to create a wonderfully diverse place to live, but such  
15 diversity can also lead to tensions; and

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17           WHEREAS, there have been instances of hostilities within  
18 our own schools involving firearms on campus, extreme hazing,  
19 and psychological abuse among peers; and

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21           WHEREAS, currently, Hawaii public school students who  
22 engage in acts of violence are not given the tools they need to  
23 change their behavior because the most prevalent method of  
24 dealing with such behavior is to remove the student from school  
25 instead of teaching the student how to properly manage feelings  
26 of anger; and

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28           WHEREAS, as a result of Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii  
29 2006, programs have been developed to assist students who have  
30 used drugs or alcohol, by screening and evaluating the student  
31 to determine if they have substance abuse problems and identify  
32 the underlying issues that have led them to such behavior; and



1 to determine if they have substance abuse problems and identify  
2 the underlying issues that have led them to such behavior; and  
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4 WHEREAS, if a student is diagnosed as having a substance  
5 abuse problem, they are placed in a program with a specialist  
6 who helps them overcome their addiction; and  
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8 WHEREAS, a similar intervention and rehabilitation program  
9 should be put into place to provide students with anger  
10 management issues with the help they need to manage their  
11 feelings of frustration and antagonism learn more productive  
12 outlets for such feelings and avoid acting out in violence; now,  
13 therefore,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
17 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Board of  
18 Education (BOE) is requested to establish an anger management  
19 and rehabilitation program to provide students who commit acts  
20 of violence or harassment at their school with the  
21 rehabilitation that they need to change their behavior; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
25 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.  
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