
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
PUBLIC POLICY CENTER TO FORM A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE
ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, each student in the State of Hawaii produces about
2 half a pound of waste per school day; and

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4 WHEREAS, The Long Beach Unified School District in Los
5 Angeles, California, adopted a recycling program that will save
6 it \$310,000 a year by recycling solid waste, food waste, paper,
7 aluminum, glass, plastic, and other materials; and

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9 WHEREAS, composting food or green waste to create mulch can
10 decrease the amount that schools spend on fertilizer for plants,
11 grass, and athletic fields; and

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13 WHEREAS, schools in Hawaii use up to thirty-one thousand
14 cubic yards of landfill space every month, and landfills in
15 Hawaii are approaching or have already reached capacity; and

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17 WHEREAS, it costs \$6 per cubic yard to use space in a
18 landfill, which means it costs \$186,000 each month for schools
19 in the State to dump their trash and pay for pickup fees; and

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21 WHEREAS, if schools in Hawaii recycle more of their trash
22 rather than dispose of it in landfills, this would decrease the
23 amount of trash in landfills, decrease the amount of money that
24 schools spend on trash disposal, produce revenue for the school
25 from recycling, and teach students responsible recycling habits;
26 now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University Of
31 Hawaii College Of Social Sciences Public Policy Center is



1 requested to form a task force to evaluate comprehensive
2 recycling options available to schools, including but not
3 limited to, evaluating all costs and benefits of statewide
4 school recycling programs; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Of Hawaii
7 College Of Social Sciences Public Policy Center is requested to
8 submit a report of its task force's findings and recommendations
9 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
10 convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
14 Board of Education; and the Superintendent of Education, who in
15 turn is requested to transmit copies to complex area
16 superintendents, all secondary school principals, and all school
17 community council chairpersons; the Chairperson of the Board of
18 Land and Natural Resources; and the Director of the Hawaii State
19 Student Council.

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