
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT HAWAII LABOR HISTORY.

1 WHEREAS, Democracy is founded upon the basic right of
2 citizens to free speech and the right to assemble together to
3 address their grievances; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of
6 educating Hawaii's students about the history and
7 accomplishments of working people and the labor movement in this
8 state; and
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10 WHEREAS, there are no Department of Education (DOE)
11 approved, standards-based textbooks, or commonly used social
12 studies curricula that focus significant study time on the
13 history of labor in Hawaii and its role in the protection of
14 workers' rights and the establishment of beneficial laws such as
15 workers compensation, pre-paid health insurance, and free public
16 education; and
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18 WHEREAS, historical material exists at the University of
19 Hawaii's (UH) Center for Labor Education and Research (CLEAR),
20 UH Industrial Relations Center, Department of Labor and
21 Industrial Relations, and local unions; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
26 requests DOE in conjunction with CLEAR and labor groups to plan
27 educational opportunities including but not limited to speech
28 and writing contests, debates, research, art and photo contests,
29 displays, educational scholarships, field trips, seminars, and
30 internships in conjunction with the annual Labor Day holiday;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOE is requested to provide
2 labor education learning experiences for students appropriate to
3 their grade level and consistent with educational history and
4 social science content standards; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
8 of Labor and Industrial Relations, Superintendent of Education,
9 Board of Education, President of UH, Director of the UH
10 Industrial Relations Center, Director of CLEAR, President of the
11 Hawaii State AFL-CIO, President of the Hawaii State Teachers
12 Association, President of the Hawaii Government Employees
13 Association and Executive Director of the Hawaii Building and
14 Construction Trades Council.
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