
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EVALUATE THE STATE'S
DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND ITS FUNDING.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's graduated licensing law mandates that
2 students under age eighteen are required to take a classroom and
3 a behind-the-wheel driver's education course to obtain a
4 driver's license; and

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6 WHEREAS, section 431:10C-115, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
7 provides funding for the mandated driver's education course from
8 fees assessed by the Insurance Commissioner deposited into the
9 special drivers education fund; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Board of Education's mission to promote
12 equitable education for all students should be supported by
13 making driver education training courses part of the basic
14 curriculum in Hawaii's public high schools; and

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16 WHEREAS, all driver education instructors must be
17 Department of Education certified teachers; and

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19 WHEREAS, driver education courses are often taught before
20 or after school, placing a burden upon the limited resources of
21 certified teachers; and

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23 WHEREAS, the lack of available certified teachers means
24 that some high schools with significant student populations do
25 not offer driver education; and

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27 WHEREAS, private driver education courses can cost as much
28 as \$500, which is prohibitively expensive for many families; and

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30 WHEREAS, the aforementioned factors are believed to result
31 in a significant number of minors operating motor vehicles



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1 without the requisite training or appropriate licensure; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
7 Education is requested to:

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- 9 (1) Report on costs and possible revenue sources for
- 10 hiring one full-time equivalent driver education
- 11 instructor for each public high school with more than
- 12 seven hundred fifty students and one half-time
- 13 equivalent driver education instructor for the
- 14 remaining high schools;
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- 16 (2) Report on driver education programs provided to high
- 17 school students on all islands other than Oahu;
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- 19 (3) Provide data from each high school regarding the
- 20 number of students graduating without having completed
- 21 driver education; and
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- 23 (4) Submit to the Legislature no later than thirty days
- 24 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009
- 25 a report of these findings; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and
28 the Department of Transportation are requested to review the
29 implementation and funding of the driver education law as well
30 as the distribution of the special drivers education fund, and
31 to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature not
32 later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular
33 Session of 2009; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
37 Transportation, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, and
38 the Superintendent of Education.

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41 OFFERED BY:



