
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND ITS TEEN PREGNANCY EDUCATION PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO TRAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO EDUCATE AND RAISE AWARENESS AMONG TEENS ABOUT TEEN PREGNANCY.

1 WHEREAS, teen pregnancy in Hawaii is a great concern
2 throughout the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, approximately 3,600 teen pregnancies occur a year
5 in Hawaii; and

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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii ranks twelfth in the nation in the number
8 of teen pregnancies; and

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10 WHEREAS, education and awareness are key in preventing
11 unwanted teen pregnancies; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Education can play a significant
14 role in educating teens about teen pregnancy; and

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16 WHEREAS, community groups can also play an important role
17 in providing training to youth groups whom, in turn, can educate
18 others and spread awareness; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2008, that the Department of Education is requested
23 to expand the peer education program and train peers in
24 providing advice relating to sex and sexuality in order to
25 prevent unwanted teen pregnancies; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
28 further requested to train faculty to talk with teens about sex
29 and teen pregnancy; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
32 also requested to support a program of peer presenters who can
33 speak to classes about the issue of teen pregnancy; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that community organizations with
2 expertise in teen pregnancy are encouraged to offer training to
3 youth groups like the Honolulu Community Action Program's Youth
4 Advisory Council and other interested groups on how to educate
5 and bring awareness to teens on the issue of teen pregnancy; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,
9 the Director of Human Services, the Honolulu Community Action
10 Program, and the Hawaii Youth Services Network.
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