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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO  
EVALUATE RECYCLING OPTIONS AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE  
RECYCLING PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, each student throughout the State of Hawaii  
2 produces approximately one half of a pound of waste each school  
3 day; and  
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5           WHEREAS, for every ton of paper that is recycled, seven  
6 thousand gallons of water, three hundred eighty gallons of oil,  
7 and enough electricity to power a house for six months is saved;  
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10          WHEREAS, even recycling one aluminum can produces enough  
11 energy to power a television for six hours; and  
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13          WHEREAS, composting food or green waste to create mulch can  
14 decrease the amounts schools spend on fertilizer for maintenance  
15 of grounds and improves the life of plants; and  
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17          WHEREAS, landfills in the State of Hawaii are approaching  
18 or have already reached capacity; and  
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20          WHEREAS, schools in the State of Hawaii use an estimated  
21 thirty-one thousand cubic yards of landfill space every month at  
22 a cost of six dollars per cubic yard or one hundred eighty-six  
23 thousand dollars per month; and  
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25          WHEREAS, the recycling of trash has the potential to:

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27           (1) Reduce the amount of space used by schools in  
28           landfills, lowering schools' cost for disposing of  
29           trash and creating revenue from recycling; and  
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31           (2) Teach students the habit of recycling over the long  
32           term; and  
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34          WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Student Conference has determined  
35 that the Long Beach Unified School District located in Los



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1 Angeles, California expects to save three hundred ten thousand  
 2 dollars per year by adopting a program for recycling solid  
 3 waste, food waste, paper, aluminum, glass, plastic, and other  
 4 materials; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 8 Session of 2008, that the Department of Education is  
 9 respectfully urged to create a task force to evaluate recycling  
 10 options and develop a comprehensive recycling program for  
 11 schools in the State of Hawaii; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
 14 submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the  
 15 Legislature, Board of Education, and the Superintendent of  
 16 Education by July 1, 2009; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 19 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 20 Education, Superintendent of Education, Department of Education  
 21 complex area superintendents and secondary principals,  
 22 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii  
 23 State Student Council, and school community council chairs.

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