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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE
RECYCLING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS, INCLUDING A
FEASIBILITY REPORT RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL
RECYCLING PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, each student in the State of Hawaii produces about
2 half a pound of waste every school day and this waste is
3 transported, for a fee, to Hawaii landfills such as Waimanalo
4 Gulch, which are approaching, or have already reached, capacity;
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7 WHEREAS, every month schools use up to thirty-one thousand
8 cubic yards of landfill space at a cost of \$6 per cubic yard;
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11 WHEREAS, establishing school recycling programs would also
12 benefit the environment; and

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14 WHEREAS, reportedly, every ton of paper that is recycled
15 saves seven thousand gallons of water, three hundred eighty
16 gallons of oil, and enough electricity to power a house for six
17 months; moreover, recycling a single aluminum can reportedly
18 conserve enough energy to power a television for six hours; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Long Beach Unified School District in Los
21 Angeles County, California, has adopted a recycling program that
22 recycles solid waste, food waste, paper, aluminum, glass,
23 plastic, and other materials, reducing spending by \$310,000 per
24 year; and

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26 WHEREAS, a similar recycling program in Hawaii schools
27 could use compost from recycled food and green waste to
28 fertilize plants, grass, and fields, save schools thousands in
29 disposal fees, while teaching students important recycling
30 habits; now, therefore,

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