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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE SHADED PLAY AREAS  
IN PLANS FOR ALL NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH  
AND PHASE IN A PLAN TO PROVIDE SHADED PLAY AREAS ON THE  
GROUNDS OF ALL EXISTING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BY 2011.

1           WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, skin  
2 cancer is the most common form of all cancers, and accounts for  
3 about half of all cancers; and  
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5           WHEREAS, there are different forms of skin cancer including  
6 melanoma and basal and squamous cell skin cancer; and  
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8           WHEREAS, melanoma accounts for about three per cent of skin  
9 cancer cases in the United States, but causes the most deaths,  
10 numbering over eight thousand per year; and  
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12           WHEREAS, non-melanoma skin cancer can also be fatal on the  
13 order of about one to two thousand cases per year; and  
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15           WHEREAS, risk factors for all types of skin cancers include  
16 exposure to the sun's ultraviolet light; and  
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18           WHEREAS, studies also show that exposure to ultraviolet  
19 light at a young age can be an added risk factor for the  
20 occurrence of skin cancer; and  
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22           WHEREAS, to reduce the risk of skin cancer from exposure to  
23 ultraviolet light at an early age, children should be able to  
24 play in shaded areas away from the sun's harmful radiation; now,  
25 therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
30 Education is urged to include at least one shaded area of



1 reasonable size on school grounds in plans for all new  
2 elementary schools; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is urged to  
5 develop and implement a program to provide at least one shaded  
6 play area of reasonable size on the grounds of all existing  
7 elementary schools by June 30, 2011, and that this program  
8 should be phased in on an incremental basis with priority given  
9 to the schools most in need; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
13 Education and the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

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