
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PROTOTYPE
MODEL OR GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, OR
VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS TO FOLLOW WHEN INSTALLING OR
CREATING SHADED PLAY AREAS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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 requested to develop a prototype model or
31 guidelines for schools, community groups, or volunteer



1 organizations to follow when installing or creating shaded play
2 areas at public schools; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
5 requested to submit a report to the Legislature, no later than
6 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
7 2009, on its prototype model or any guidelines established to
8 assist schools, community groups, or volunteer organizations in
9 installing or creating shaded play areas at public schools; 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.

