
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS IN THE SPECIAL NEEDS CATEGORY.

1 WHEREAS, students who are gifted and talented show
2 potential for performing at high levels in intellectual,
3 creative, or artistic areas, possess leadership capacity, or
4 excel in specific academic fields; and
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6 WHEREAS, gifted and talented children need to be challenged
7 in a manner that matches their pace and level of learning; and
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9 WHEREAS, a learning environment that does not meet the
10 special needs of gifted and talented students can lead to
11 apathy, boredom, and underachievement; and
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13 WHEREAS, gifted and talented students often require
14 services or activities that are not ordinarily provided by
15 schools; and
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17 WHEREAS, currently, an emphasis is often placed on meeting
18 standards set by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which
19 focuses on all students meeting grade-level standards and does
20 not include provisions for meeting the educational needs of
21 gifted and talented students; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2009, that the United States government is requested to
26 recognize gifted and talented students in the category of
27 special needs; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of
31 Education, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the



1 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and
2 members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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