
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND THE ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) PROGRAM BY OFFERING MORE AVID ELECTIVE COURSES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, the Advancement Via Individual Determination
2 (AVID) program is a college-readiness system designed to
3 increase the number of students who enroll in four-year
4 colleges; and
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6 WHEREAS, although AVID serves all students, it focuses on
7 the least-served students in the academic middle who have a
8 desire to attend college and demonstrate a willingness to work
9 hard; and
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11 WHEREAS, the AVID program helps high school students better
12 prepare for college expectations by offering a rigorous program
13 of instruction in academic survival and college entry skills;
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16 WHEREAS, AVID students enroll in the program as an elective
17 class and learn organizational and study skills, work on
18 critical thinking, receive academic help from peers and college
19 tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational
20 activities; and
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22 WHEREAS, nationally, AVID has been adopted in nearly 4,500
23 schools, and is available in sixteen countries or territories;
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26 WHEREAS, of the 2009 AVID graduates, a total of ninety-two
27 per cent planned to attend college, with sixty per cent planning
28 to attend four-year colleges and thirty-two per cent planning to
29 attend two-year colleges; and
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1 WHEREAS, in the 2009-2010 school year, there are fifty-
2 eight AVID sites in Hawaii, including nineteen high schools and
3 five combination high schools; and
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5 WHEREAS, if the AVID program were more widely available in
6 Hawaii public high schools, more students could be prepared for
7 the challenges of college; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2010, that the Department of Education is urged to expand the
12 AVID program by offering more AVID elective courses in the
13 public high schools; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
17 the Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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