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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSIST PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STATEWIDE IN ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING COMPREHENSIVE CAMPUS
RECYCLING POLICIES.

1 WHEREAS, according to Edutopia and the George Lucas
2 Educational Foundation, many students and teachers across the
3 nation are actively involved in Earth-friendly ventures, and for
4 many schools, the recycling program is first on the agenda; and
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6 WHEREAS, in some places, however, recycling is still very
7 difficult to do, or even unheard of, and Edutopia is currently
8 conducting a poll on the status of recycling programs in
9 America's schools, including what can be done to increase their
10 size and scope; and
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12 WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental
13 Protection Agency, every ton of paper recycled would save enough
14 energy to power the average American home for six months, save
15 7,000 gallons of water, save 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space,
16 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one metric ton of carbon
17 equivalent; and
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19 WHEREAS, recycling a single plastic bottle can conserve
20 enough energy to light a sixty watt bulb for up to six hours,
21 and recycling one ton of plastic saves 7.4 cubic yards of
22 landfill space; and
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24 WHEREAS, according to RecycleNow Schools, in a 2007 study
25 in England, on average, primary schools generated 45kg (about
26 ninety-nine pounds) of waste per pupil per academic year, and
27 secondary schools, 22kg (forty-nine pounds) per pupil per
28 academic year, primarily food and paper waste; and
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30 WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental
31 Protection Agency, recycling reduces the amount of energy used
32 to make materials and products, which in turn drastically



1 reduces the amount of carbon dioxide that is released into the
2 atmosphere; and

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4 WHEREAS, according to Education World, schools that have
5 implemented recycling programs have saved the school and school
6 district money, by avoiding unnecessary disposal costs; now,
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
12 Education is requested to assist public schools statewide in
13 adopting and implementing comprehensive campus recycling
14 policies; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
17 report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
18 convening of the Regular Session of 2011 on the:

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20 (1) Status of campus recycling policies statewide;
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22 (2) Proposed additional or revised recycling options;
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24 (3) Anticipated costs associated with the additional or
25 revised options; and
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27 (4) Anticipated savings or revenues generated through
28 campus recycling and provide a recommendation on how
29 the revenues generated through campus recycling are to
30 be remitted to the Department of Education for deposit
31 to the credit of programs that fund K-12 education;
32 and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
36 of Education, the Superintendent of Education, and all public
37 school principals.

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