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# SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AT LEAST  
ONE SERVICE LEARNING COORDINATOR IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

1           WHEREAS, the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse  
2 defines service learning as "a teaching and learning strategy  
3 that integrates meaningful community service with instruction  
4 and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic  
5 responsibility, and strengthen communities"; and  
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7           WHEREAS, service learning is an effective method of  
8 developing civic responsibility, service ethic, and leadership  
9 and social skills while enhancing classroom learning; and  
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11           WHEREAS, Hawaii's schools currently engage in service  
12 learning projects, supported by a comprehensive student support  
13 system established by Board of Education Policy No. 2203, with  
14 one of its main functions being the involvement of families and  
15 community stakeholders as partners in the education process; and  
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17           WHEREAS, service learning efforts should be encouraged and  
18 further developed, and designating at least one person at each  
19 public school as a service learning coordinator would encourage  
20 and further develop service learning; now, therefore,  
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22           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
24 that the Department of Education is encouraged to designate at  
25 least one service learning coordinator at each public school;  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designated service learning  
29 coordinator at each public school:  
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31           (1) Coordinate service learning projects for students at  
32 that school;  
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34           (2) Integrate service learning projects with the  
35 curriculum so that service learning projects enhance  
36 classroom learning;



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(3) Pursue potential service learning opportunities for students at that school; and

(4) Promote civic engagement and greater collaborative interaction between students and the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the President of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State PTSA.

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