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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, a 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 establish, or even unheard of, and Edutopia is  
8 currently conducting a poll to determine the status of recycling  
9 programs in America's schools, including what can be done to  
10 increase their practice 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 seven thousand gallons of water, save 3.3 cubic yards of  
16 landfill space, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one  
17 metric ton of carbon; 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 forty-five  
26 kilograms (about ninety-nine pounds) of waste per pupil per  
27 academic year, and secondary schools, twenty-two kilograms  
28 (forty-nine pounds) per pupil per academic year consisting of  
29 primarily food and paper waste; and  
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31           WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental  
32 Protection Agency, recycling reduces the amount of energy used



1 to make materials and products, which in turn drastically  
2 reduces the amount of carbon dioxide that is released into the  
3 atmosphere; and  
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5 WHEREAS, according to Education World, schools that have  
6 implemented recycling programs have saved the school and school  
7 district money, by avoiding unnecessary disposal costs; now,  
8 therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
12 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
13 Education is requested to assist public schools statewide in  
14 adopting and implementing comprehensive campus recycling  
15 policies; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
18 requested to convene and provide administrative support for a  
19 youth task force comprised of high school students who can  
20 propose ideas and develop recommendations to be considered by  
21 the Department in the establishment of campus recycling  
22 policies; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
25 requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
26 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011 on the:  
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- 28 (1) Status of campus recycling policies statewide;
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- 30 (2) Proposed additional or revised recycling options;
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- 32 (3) Anticipated costs associated with the additional or
- 33 revised options;
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- 35 (4) Anticipated savings or revenues generated through
- 36 campus recycling and provide a recommendation on how
- 37 the revenues generated through campus recycling are to
- 38 be remitted to the Department of Education for deposit
- 39 to the credit of programs that fund K-12 education;
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- 42 (5) Names and respective schools of the appointees to the
- 43 youth task force; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
3 Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, and all  
4 public school principals.

