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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF SURFING TO THE SPORTS RECOGNIZED BY THE HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

1 WHEREAS, currently the following sports are recognized by
2 the Hawaii High School Athletic Association: basketball,
3 baseball, softball, volleyball, bowling, air riflery,
4 cheerleading, cross country, football, canoe paddling, soccer,
5 swimming and diving, wrestling, golf, judo, tennis, track and
6 field, and water polo; and

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8 WHEREAS, in May 2004, the Board of Education voted 9-0 that
9 surfing could be added to this list of recognized sports, and
10 approved Board of Education Policy 2180, which "recognizes that
11 surfing, or he'e nalu, has been a part of Hawaii's history since
12 ancient times. Surfing is recognized for its long-standing
13 historical and cultural roots and significance to Hawaii.
14 Surfing is the official individual sport of the State. The
15 Board of Education approves surfing as a high school sport. The
16 Department of Education shall adopt regulations to implement
17 surfing as a high school sport."; and

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19 WHEREAS, in addition, surfing is a sport that would meet
20 the requirements of Title IX of the Patsy T. Mink Equal
21 Opportunity in Education Act, which grants equal opportunity in
22 sports to female and male athletes; and

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24 WHEREAS, to date, however, surfing has not attained the
25 status of other interscholastic sports, and the Department of
26 Education has expressed concerns regarding costs and liability,
27 and surfing remains a club level activity; and

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29 WHEREAS, after several years of club level competition in
30 public schools, the Department now has available specific cost



1 information and data related to any liability issues that may
2 have arisen; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
7 Education and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association are
8 urged to consider the addition of surfing to the sports
9 recognized by the Hawaii High School Athletic Association; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
12 shall assist in this effort by conducting:

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14 (1) A review of Board of Education Policy 2180 and any
15 regulations adopted by the Department of Education to
16 implement surfing as a high school sport, pursuant to
17 the requirements of Policy 2180;
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19 (2) A review of all public school surf clubs, including:
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21 (A) A listing of all surf clubs, the date of each
22 club's founding, and numbers of students involved
23 annually;
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25 (B) Surf club policies and requirements for students
26 and coaches, and an assessment of any differences
27 in policies and requirements among surf clubs;
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29 (C) Budgets or other financial data relevant to costs
30 of surf club participation, including any
31 competitive event costs; and
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33 (D) Any liability concerns or issues encountered by
34 surf clubs;
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36 (3) Projected costs of adding surfing as a recognized
37 interscholastic sport in public schools; and
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39 (4) A timetable for implementation in public schools; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
42 shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature
43 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
44 Session of 2011; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and the Executive Director of the Hawaii High School Athletic Association.

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