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SENATE 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
31 information and data related to any liability issues that may
32 have arisen; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
3 that the Department of Education and the Hawaii High School
4 Athletic Association are urged to consider the addition of
5 surfing to the sports recognized by the Hawaii High School
6 Athletic Association; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
9 shall assist in this effort by conducting:
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- 11 (1) A review of Board of Education Policy 2180 and any
12 regulations adopted by the Department of Education to
13 implement surfing as a high school sport, pursuant to
14 the requirements of Policy 2180;
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- 16 (2) A review of all public school surf clubs, including:
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- 18 (A) A listing of all surf clubs, the date of each
19 club's founding, and numbers of students involved
20 annually;
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 - 22 (B) Surf club policies and requirements for students
23 and coaches, and an assessment of any differences
24 in policies and requirements among surf clubs;
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 - 26 (C) Budgets or other financial data relevant to costs
27 of surf club participation, including any
28 competitive event costs; and
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 - 30 (D) Any liability concerns or issues encountered by
31 surf clubs;
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- 33 (3) Projected costs of adding surfing as a recognized
34 interscholastic sport in public schools; and
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- 36 (4) A timetable for implementation in public schools; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
39 shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature
40 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
41 Session of 2011; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
44 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and

1 the Executive Director of the Hawaii High School Athletic
2 Association.

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