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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MAKE NO FURTHER BUDGET CUTS TO STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1           WHEREAS, one student-oriented priority listed in the  
2 Department of Education's 2008-2011 strategic plan is guiding  
3 each student's growth as an informed and concerned citizen who  
4 actively contributes to the well-being of others, society, and  
5 the environment; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy No. 2120 requires all  
8 schools to establish a student activities program "as an  
9 integral part of curriculum, providing personal, social, and  
10 democratic governance applications and experiences appropriate  
11 to the maturity, needs, and interests of students"; and  
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13           WHEREAS, despite the misperception that student activities  
14 programs are limited to mostly social functions, student  
15 activities programs encompass activities relating to awareness,  
16 communication, finance, interschool activities, leadership,  
17 services, and student government as well; and  
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19           WHEREAS, students often discover their passions and future  
20 careers outside of standard classroom instruction, through  
21 experiences such as cultural exchanges, participation in  
22 extracurricular clubs and conferences, and leadership  
23 opportunities; and  
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25           WHEREAS, many current members of the House of  
26 Representatives and the Senate have participated in student  
27 activities programs, such as student government, in high school  
28 or college that have helped them attain their careers and  
29 accomplishments; and  
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31           WHEREAS, many student activities programs currently operate  
32 with already minimal resources, including outdated or damaged  
33 equipment, and further cuts would cripple students' abilities to  
34 meaningfully participate in and develop their interests and  
35 skills through student activities programs; now, therefore,  
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# S.R. NO. 17

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 is requested to make no further  
4 cuts to student activities programs in public schools; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and  
8 the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

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