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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO INCORPORATE MORE
KINESTHETIC AND OTHER TYPES OF LEARNING INTO SCHOOL
CURRICULA.

1 WHEREAS, in 1983, Dr. Howard Gardner developed a theory of
2 multiple intelligences, which suggests that each person is
3 capable of possessing seven or more forms of intelligence in
4 varying degrees; and
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6 WHEREAS, the theory of multiple intelligences has had a
7 significant impact on education by challenging the notion that
8 students are not intelligent if they do not respond well to
9 traditional types of teaching or have low intelligence quotient
10 test scores; and
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12 WHEREAS, the theory of multiple intelligences suggests that
13 one particular style of teaching may not be the most effective
14 for all students because students possess different profiles of
15 forms of intelligence; in turn, educators have incorporated
16 other teaching methods to address the different forms of
17 intelligence of their students; and
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii's students recognize that they each have
20 different types of intelligence and learn in unique ways, and
21 have expressed the need for a greater variety of learning
22 styles, especially more hands-on, or kinesthetic, learning; now,
23 therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
27 that public and private schools are encouraged to incorporate
28 more kinesthetic learning opportunities into their curricula to
29 better engage students in their learning; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public and private schools are
32 encouraged to further diversify their curricula to promote other
33 types of learning, such as visual-spatial, musical,
34 interpersonal, intrapersonal, and naturalistic learning so that



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1 students can develop and foster their unique types of
2 intelligence; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,
6 the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the President of the
7 Hawaii State PTSA, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Council
8 of Private Schools, and the Chairperson of the University of
9 Hawaii Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science.

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