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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE COUNSELING FOR ANYONE INVOLVED WITH BULLYING IN SCHOOL AND POSSIBLE EXPULSION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY THEREWITH.

1           WHEREAS, there is a growing body of research on the  
2 prevalence of school bullying, the likelihood of school bullies  
3 developing antisocial behavior, and the effects of bullying on  
4 student victims; and

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6           WHEREAS, a 2002 United States Secret Service report found  
7 that bullying played a major role in several school shootings on  
8 the mainland; and

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10          WHEREAS, in Hawaii, three newspaper articles in *The*  
11 *Honolulu Advertiser*, dated February 5, June 28, and  
12 September 26, 2006, highlighted the problem of bullying in  
13 Hawaii's public schools; and

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15          WHEREAS, bullying continues to be a problem in Hawaii's  
16 schools; and

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18          WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that counseling is an  
19 effective and common sense approach to addressing the issue of  
20 bullying in school; now, therefore,

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22          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
24 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education  
25 is requested to require counseling for anyone who engages in  
26 bullying and to consider expulsion for those who do not comply  
27 with counseling requirements; 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 and the Superintendent of Education.  
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