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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF WASTE PRODUCED AT HAWAII'S PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WASTE PRODUCED IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill accepts three
2 thousand tons of municipal waste and one hundred thousand tons
3 of ash from the H-Power Plant annually; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Land Use Commission has ordered the City and
6 County of Honolulu to identify a new municipal solid waste
7 landfill site by 2012; and

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9 WHEREAS, as of July 2012, the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill must
10 stop accepting municipal solid waste; and

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12 WHEREAS, the recent storms that resulted in the temporary
13 closure of the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill emphasize the need to
14 reduce the amount of waste that goes into the landfill; and

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16 WHEREAS, if waste is not reduced, the Waimanalo Gulch
17 Landfill will fill to capacity, forcing the opening of a new
18 landfill, for which there is limited space, or the shipping of
19 waste to the Mainland, the cost of which will be passed on to
20 taxpayers; and

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22 WHEREAS, creating awareness of landfill issues begins with
23 educating individuals from a young age about long-term habits
24 that can benefit the environment, establishing habits such as
25 recycling or reusing materials; and

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27 WHEREAS, reducing solid municipal waste can be achieved
28 through the education of students and the implementation of
29 waste-reduction practices in the public schools; and
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1 WHEREAS, creating a green school is feasible using models
 2 such as Ewa Makai Middle School, which is a Leadership in Energy
 3 and Environmental Design certified school that is implementing
 4 green practices to reduce its impact on the environment; now,
 5 therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
 8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
 9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 10 Education is requested to:

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- 12 (1) Conduct a study to assess the average amount of waste
 13 produced by Hawaii's public high schools; and
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- 15 (2) Create a pilot program to reduce the amount of waste
 16 produced in all public schools by forty percent by
 17 2025; provided that the pilot program includes the
 18 creation and implementation of practices that reduce
 19 waste and the incorporation of waste issues into
 20 school curriculum; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 23 requested to report its findings to the Legislature no later
 24 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 25 of 2013; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 29 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

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