
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT ITS PROGRESS ON
THE INCORPORATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CURRICULA INTO ITS
STANDARDS-BASED SYSTEM AND GENERAL LEARNER OUTCOMES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's environment is unique, fragile, and of
2 critical importance to the overall well-being of the people and
3 wildlife of the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, in order to preserve this environment all
6 individuals and businesses in the State must make positive
7 choices when it comes to decisions that may impact the
8 environment; and
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10 WHEREAS, knowledge of the uniqueness and importance of
11 Hawaii's environment and awareness of the actions to take or
12 avoid to preserve the environment are essential for the
13 maintenance and preservation of the environment; and
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15 WHEREAS, in many instances damage to the environment is
16 incurred due to a lack of knowledge regarding the environmental
17 consequences of certain actions; and
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19 WHEREAS, inspiring positive behavior is most successful
20 when impressed upon people while they are young; and
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22 WHEREAS, it is the youth of today who will inherit the
23 world of tomorrow and will need knowledge not only to wrestle
24 with the environmental issues they inherit at that time, but
25 also to mitigate the impact of those issues by understanding
26 current environmental issues; and
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28 WHEREAS, knowledge is gained and retained most effectively
29 when consistently reinforced and expanded upon over a period of
30 time; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's public schools are an ideal setting in
2 which to disseminate the knowledge and inspire the behavior
3 necessary to contribute effectively to the preservation of
4 Hawaii's environment; and
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6 WHEREAS, the State of California has recently released the
7 first state-approved K-12 environmental curriculum in the United
8 States as a pilot program in nineteen districts throughout
9 California; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
14 Education is requested to report to the Legislature the
15 Department's progress on the incorporation of environmental
16 curricula into the Department's standards-based system and
17 General Learner Outcomes no later than twenty days prior to the
18 convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
22 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Executive
23 Director of the Charter School Administrative Office.

