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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII VIRTUAL LEARNING NETWORK TO OFFER MORE  
ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES OR GIVE PRIORITY FOR ENROLLMENT  
TO STUDENTS FROM SMALL OR RURAL HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THOSE  
ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES ALREADY OFFERED BY THE NETWORK.

1           WHEREAS, the advanced placement program provides accredited  
2 college level courses and examinations to high school students  
3 in many high schools across the nation, including Hawaii; and  
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5           WHEREAS, advanced placement classes allow high school  
6 students to gain college credit, advanced placement in college,  
7 and better prepare for college by developing the skills  
8 necessary for success in college while still in high school; and  
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10          WHEREAS, currently not all Hawaii high schools offer  
11 advanced placement classes due to budget constraints; and  
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13          WHEREAS, many high schools, often in rural areas, with  
14 smaller student populations do not have the critical population  
15 numbers to justify the cost of offering advanced placement  
16 classes and students at those schools are at a distinct  
17 educational disadvantage; and  
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19          WHEREAS, through the Hawaii Virtual Learning Network, the  
20 State has recently begun providing various courses including  
21 advanced placement classes to high school students using online  
22 "distance learning" technology; and  
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24          WHEREAS, in the 2009 academic year, all of the 14 advanced  
25 placement classes offered were filled to capacity; and  
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27          WHEREAS, high school students at schools too small to offer  
28 advanced placement classes are currently forced to compete with  
29 students from schools across the State, even those that offer



1 advanced placement classes, for the limited number of Hawaii  
2 Virtual Learning Network advanced placement class spaces; and  
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4 WHEREAS, this competitive enrollment system unfairly  
5 displaces eligible high school students from small or rural  
6 schools from Hawaii Virtual Learning Network advanced placement  
7 courses and does not alleviate the unequal availability of  
8 advanced placement courses in Hawaii high schools; now,  
9 therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
13 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Virtual Learning  
14 Network is urged to:

- 15 (1) Offer more advanced placement classes; or
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- 17 (2) Give priority for enrollment to students from small or
- 18 rural high schools for those advanced placement
- 19 courses already being offered;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Hawaii  
26 Virtual Learning Network, the Governor, the Superintendent of  
27 Education, the President of the University of Hawaii, and the  
28 Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Myron B. Thompson  
29 Academy.  
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