
HOUSE 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
30 advanced placement classes, for the limited number of Hawaii
31 Virtual Learning Network advanced placement class spaces; and



1 WHEREAS, this competitive enrollment system unfairly
 2 displaces eligible high school students from small or rural
 3 schools from Hawaii Virtual Learning Network advanced placement
 4 courses and does not alleviate the unequal availability of
 5 advanced placement courses in Hawaii high schools; now,
 6 therefore,

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 8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 9 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 10 of 2011, that the Hawaii Virtual Learning Network is urged to:

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 12 (1) Offer more advanced placement classes; or
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 14 (2) Give priority for enrollment to students from small or
 15 rural high schools for those advanced placement
 16 courses already being offered;

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 18 and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Hawaii Virtual
 22 Learning Network, the Governor, the Superintendent of Education,
 23 the President of the University of Hawaii, and the Chairperson
 24 of the Board of Directors of Myron B. Thompson Academy.
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