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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COMPILE AND SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS OF ALL STUDIES CONDUCTED ON WASTE REDUCTION IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PROPOSE STRATEGIES, GOALS, AND BENCHMARKS FOR REDUCING WASTE IN HAWAII'S 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, and establishing habits such  
25 as recycling or reusing materials; and  
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27           WHEREAS, reducing municipal solid 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) Compile and summarize the results of all studies  
13           conducted on waste reduction in Hawaii's public  
14           schools; and  
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16           (2) Propose strategies, goals, and benchmarks for reducing  
17           waste in Hawaii's public schools; and  
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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
20 requested to report its findings to the Legislature no later  
21 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
22 of 2013; and  
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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
26 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

