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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF  
MEDICINE TO INCLUDE A MANDATORY COURSE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY  
IN THE CURRICULUM FOR ALL MEDICAL STUDENTS.

1           WHEREAS, childhood obesity rates in the United States have  
2           tripled over the past three decades, and today nearly one in  
3           three children in the United States are overweight or obese; and  
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5           WHEREAS, obese children may experience immediate health  
6           consequences that can lead to weight-related health problems in  
7           adulthood, including heart disease, high blood pressure,  
8           diabetes, asthma, and sleep apnea; and  
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10           WHEREAS, in addition to being at risk of poor physical  
11           health, overweight and obese children are often targets of early  
12           social discrimination and stigmatization that can cause low  
13           self-esteem and hinder academic and social functioning; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the recent rise in child obesity rates is  
16           attributable to poor eating habits, lack of exercise, and  
17           unhealthy lifestyles; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the prevention and management of childhood obesity  
20           can be greatly enhanced by raising awareness and knowledge  
21           within the medical profession of the causes, risk factors, and  
22           treatment options for this nationwide health problem; now,  
23           therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26           Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27           Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
28           Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine is requested to include  
29           a mandatory course on childhood obesity in the curriculum for  
30           all medical students; and  
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- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mandatory course on  
 2 childhood obesity provide information regarding:  
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 4 (1) The incidence and prevalence of obesity among children  
 5 from birth through adolescence;  
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 7 (2) The short- and long-term consequences of childhood  
 8 obesity;  
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 10 (3) Major factors contributing to childhood obesity;  
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 12 (4) Approaches to the treatment of overweight or obese  
 13 children and adolescents; and  
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 15 (5) Individual and public health approaches to the  
 16 prevention of childhood obesity; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 20 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the President of the  
 21 University of Hawaii System, the Dean of the University of  
 22 Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, and the Director of  
 23 Health.  
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