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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A UNIFORM SEXUALITY  
HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1           WHEREAS, sexuality health education promotes healthy  
2 attitudes on adolescent growth and development, body image,  
3 gender and sexuality, dating, relationships, and family; and  
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5           WHEREAS, sexuality health education should positively  
6 affect adolescent behavior and provide teens with information,  
7 skills, and support they need to develop positive values, make  
8 healthy decisions, and respect the important role that sexuality  
9 plays throughout a person's life; and  
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11           WHEREAS, section 321-11.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
12 requires state-funded sexuality health education to be medically  
13 accurate and age appropriate and include education on  
14 abstinence, contraception, and methods of disease and pregnancy  
15 prevention; and  
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17           WHEREAS, it is important that sexuality health education is  
18 taught in a uniform manner across the State's public schools;  
19 now, therefore,  
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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education  
24 is requested to develop a uniform sexuality health education  
25 program for all public schools that meets the requirements of  
26 section 321-11.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education is  
29 requested to:  
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- 31           (1) Consider the feasibility and appropriateness of  
32 mandating sexuality health education during the  
33 intermediate and middle school years;



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- 2 (2) Consider including social-emotional issues relating to
- 3 sexuality as part of the Department of Education's
- 4 sexuality health education program;
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- 6 (3) Consider establishing minimum training standards for
- 7 sexuality health education teachers;
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- 9 (4) Consider making sexuality health education curricula
- 10 available for review; and
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- 12 (5) Ensure there is effective monitoring and oversight of
- 13 the sexuality health program; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 17 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of  
 18 Health.

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