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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MAINTAIN, MONITOR, AND ENFORCE ANTI-BULLYING, ANTI-CYBERBULLYING, ANTI-HARASSMENT, AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, all students have the right to participate fully
2 in the education process, free from bullying, cyberbullying,
3 harassment, and discrimination; and
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5 WHEREAS, a safe and civil environment in school is
6 necessary for students to learn and to meet high academic
7 standards; and
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9 WHEREAS, bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and
10 discrimination, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, are
11 forms of conduct that disrupt a student's ability to learn and a
12 school's ability to educate its students in a safe environment;
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15 WHEREAS, because students learn by example, school
16 administrators, faculty, staff, volunteers, and third party
17 contractors and hires should be expected to demonstrate
18 appropriate behavior, treat others with civility and respect,
19 and refuse to tolerate bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and
20 discrimination; and
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22 WHEREAS, the State has a responsibility to provide a safe
23 and respectful learning environment in which all members of the
24 school community, no matter their differing beliefs,
25 characteristics, and backgrounds, are treated with dignity and
26 respect, in order to realize their full potential; now,
27 therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education



1 is requested to maintain, monitor, and enforce anti-bullying,
2 anti-cyberbullying, anti-harassment, and anti-discrimination
3 policies and procedures to protect public and charter school
4 students; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education is
7 requested to ensure that all anti-bullying, anti-cyberbullying,
8 anti-harassment, and anti-discrimination polices apply to:
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10 (1) Conduct occurring on all public and charter elementary
11 and secondary school premises, at all public school-
12 sponsored functions or activities, at all charter
13 school-sponsored functions or activities, on public
14 school-sponsored transportation, and on charter
15 school-sponsored transportation; and
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17 (2) Electronic technology usage and electronic
18 communications that occur on all public and charter
19 elementary and secondary school premises; at all
20 public school-sponsored functions or activities; at
21 all charter school-sponsored functions or activities;
22 on public school-sponsored transportation; on charter
23 school-sponsored transportation; on public school
24 computers, networks, forums, and mailing lists; and on
25 charter school computers, networks, forums, and
26 mailing lists; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education report
29 to this body on the status of its anti-bullying, anti-
30 cyberbullying, anti-harassment, and anti-discrimination policies
31 for public and charter schools, along with any findings and
32 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
33 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
34 of 2014; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
38 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of
39 the State Public Charter School, and Executive Director of the
40 Charter School Administrative Office.
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