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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY TO  
STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX TO TWELVE.

1           WHEREAS, more information is needed about youth behavior  
2 and health in order to assess the leading factors of death,  
3 disability, and health complications among youth and to improve  
4 health education programs; and

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6           WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human  
7 Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention developed  
8 the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System to collect data  
9 about youth behavior and health; and

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11           WHEREAS, one vital part of the Youth Risk Behavior  
12 Surveillance System is a nationwide school-based surveying  
13 effort using the Youth Risk Behavior Survey to monitor students'  
14 health risks and behaviors; and

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16           WHEREAS, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey monitors students'  
17 health-risk behaviors in the areas of weight and diet, physical  
18 activity, injury and violence, tobacco use, alcohol and other  
19 drug use, and sexual behaviors; and

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21           WHEREAS, in 2011, forty-seven states participated in the  
22 high school Youth Risk Behavior Survey and sixteen states  
23 participated in the middle school Youth Risk Behavior Survey;  
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26           WHEREAS, data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey is  
27 valuable and can be used to:

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29           (1) Measure progress toward achieving state and national  
30 health objectives;  
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32           (2) Assess trends in priority health-risk behaviors among  
33 students;



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(3) Evaluate the impact of broad school and community interventions at the national, state, and local levels; and

(4) Set and track progress toward meeting school health and health promotion program goals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education is requested to administer a youth risk behavior survey to students in grades six to twelve attending public schools, including charter schools; and

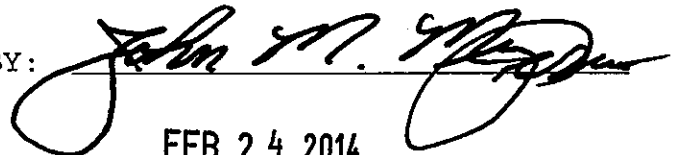
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each private school is requested to administer a youth risk behavior survey to students in grades six to twelve attending its school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the youth risk behavior survey be administered only in odd-numbered years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a student be excused from participating in the youth risk behavior survey if the student's parent or legal guardian submits written notification to the school stating that the parent or legal guardian does not give permission for that student to participate in the survey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the State Public Charter School Commission, Executive Director of the State Public Charter School Commission, and Director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.

OFFERED BY:



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