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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER THE NEED TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM HEAT AND SUN EXPOSURE, IN ADDITION TO RAINFALL, WHEN ASSESSING THE NEED FOR COVERED PLAY YARDS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, sunlight and heat produced from sunlight can be  
2 very intense in Hawaii, especially during the middle of the day;  
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5 WHEREAS, exposure to bright sunlight and heat can cause  
6 fatigue, dehydration, and other health issues; and  
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8 WHEREAS, children are commonly restricted to playing in  
9 certain locations such as play yards while attending school; and  
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11 WHEREAS, children can be especially susceptible to health  
12 risks associated with bright sunlight and heat; and  
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14 WHEREAS, rain can prevent children from playing in  
15 uncovered play yards; and  
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17 WHEREAS, there is a need to consider creating more covered  
18 play yards at public schools; now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2014, that the Department of Education is urged to  
23 consider the effects of heat and sun exposure, in addition to  
24 rain, when assessing the need for covered play yards at public  
25 schools; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
3 Education and the Superintendent of Education.  
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