## S.C.R. NO. 41

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH INCREASING VOTER REGISTRATION AMONG YOUNG ADULTS.

WHEREAS, Hawaii presently ranks among the bottom of the fifty states in the percentage of registered voters who turn out to vote; and

WHEREAS, voter turnout for young adults in Hawaii is also one of the lowest in the country; and

WHEREAS, many young adults are unaware of the voter registration process and do not exercise their right to vote; and

WHEREAS, greater participation by young adults in the political process will help build a strong, civil-minded society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education and Department of Human Services are requested to assist with increasing voter registration among young adults; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to provide seniors at every public school with voter registration information prior to graduation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human Services is requested to provide young adults who are in young adult voluntary foster care with information on voter registration; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human Services is requested to provide informational literature about the voting registration process to any young adult who inquires about the process; 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, Director of Human Services, and Chief Election Officer.