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SENATE 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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- 2 (3) Evaluate the impact of broad school and community
- 3 interventions at the national, state, and local
- 4 levels; and
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- 6 (4) Set and track progress toward meeting school health
- 7 and health promotion program goals; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
 10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
 11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 12 Education is requested to administer a youth risk behavior
 13 survey to students in grades six to twelve attending public
 14 schools, including charter schools; and

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

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

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

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

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