
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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 the Youth Risk Behavior
13 Survey to a sample of students in grades six to twelve in select
14 department schools; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Public Charter School
17 Commission is requested to administer the Youth Risk Behavior
18 Survey to a sample of students in grades six to twelve in select
19 charter schools; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that select private schools be given
22 the opportunity to administer the Youth Risk Behavior Survey to
23 a sample of students in grades six to twelve; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Risk Behavior Survey
26 be administered only in odd-numbered years; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a student be excused from
29 participating in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey if the student's
30 parent or legal guardian submits written notification to the
31 school stating that the parent or legal guardian does not give
32 permission for that student to participate in the survey; and

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