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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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8 WHEREAS, many young adults are unaware of the voter
9 registration process and do not exercise their right to vote;
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12 WHEREAS, greater participation by young adults in the
13 political process will help build a strong, civil-minded
14 society; now, therefore,

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

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

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

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