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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING  
GROUP TO REVIEW AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC  
MIDDLE AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, according to the Afterschool Alliance fifteen  
2 million children across the United States are alone and  
3 unsupervised after school; and  
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5 WHEREAS, in 1990, the Department of Education established  
6 the After-School Plus Program to provide after-school care,  
7 including enrichment activities and supervised recreational  
8 activities, until 5:30 p.m. each school day at more than one  
9 hundred-ninety participating schools; and  
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11 WHEREAS, children eligible to attend the program are  
12 elementary-school-age students whose parents work, attend  
13 school, or are participating in job-training programs; and  
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15 WHEREAS, funding for structured after-school programs is  
16 not available to the Department of Education's middle and  
17 intermediate schools; and  
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19 WHEREAS, after-school programs are effective because they  
20 enrich students' experiences outside of school, while also  
21 improving their attendance, grades, and behavior in school; and  
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23 WHEREAS, quality after-school programs targeted to Hawaii's  
24 public middle school students generate significant returns on  
25 investment for society as a whole; and  
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27 WHEREAS, middle and intermediate school students are often  
28 left with few safe and structured opportunities between 3:00  
29 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and  
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1 WHEREAS, at a time when middle and low-income families and  
2 communities are struggling financially and students are falling  
3 behind academically, after-school programs are needed now more  
4 than ever; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
8 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
9 Education is requested to convene a working group to review  
10 after-school programs in Hawaii's public middle and intermediate  
11 schools; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the review include:

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15 (1) A timeline and inventory of existing after-school  
16 programs at middle and intermediate schools;  
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18 (2) Data regarding current levels of costs, funding  
19 sources, and student participation of existing after-  
20 school programs at middle and intermediate schools;  
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22 (3) Recommendations on improving the availability,  
23 quality, and coordination of after-school programs at  
24 middle and intermediate schools;  
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26 (4) Recommendations on how collaboration can be promoted  
27 between agencies and stakeholders providing after-  
28 school care in Hawaii; and  
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30 (5) The development of efficient and collaborative ways to  
31 address funding, logistics, and outcomes of providing  
32 structured after-school programs at middle and  
33 intermediate schools; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of  
36 Education, or their designee, is requested to serve as the  
37 chairperson of the working group and to invite the following  
38 individuals, or their designees, to be members of the working  
39 group:

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41 (1) Director of Human Services;  
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- 1 (2) One middle or intermediate school principal;
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- 3 (3) One representative from a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community
- 4 Learning Center;
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- 6 (4) Executive Director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for
- 7 Education;
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- 9 (5) One representative from the Honolulu Police
- 10 Department;
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- 12 (6) Executive Director of After-School All-Stars Hawaii;
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- 14 (7) One representative of Kamehameha Schools; and
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- 16 (8) One representative of the private sector; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
 19 requested to convene the working group no later than July 1,  
 20 2016; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education, on  
 23 behalf of the working group, is requested to submit its findings  
 24 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
 25 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 26 the Regular Session of 2017; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 30 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of  
 31 Human Services, Executive Director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships  
 32 for Education, Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police  
 33 Department, Executive Director of After-School All-Stars Hawaii,  
 34 and the Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools.

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 36 OFFERED BY: TOTAL  
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