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## HOUSE 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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31           WHEREAS, at a time when middle and low-income families and  
32 communities are struggling financially and students are falling



1 behind academically, after-school programs are needed now more  
2 than ever; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
6 Session of 2016, that the Department of Education is requested  
7 to convene a working group to review after-school programs in  
8 Hawaii's public middle and intermediate schools; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the review include:  
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- 12 (1) A timeline and inventory of existing after-school  
13 programs at middle and intermediate schools;  
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- 15 (2) Data regarding current levels of costs, funding  
16 sources, and student participation of existing after-  
17 school programs at middle and intermediate schools;  
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- 19 (3) Recommendations on improving the availability,  
20 quality, and coordination of after-school programs at  
21 middle and intermediate schools;  
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- 23 (4) Recommendations on how collaboration can be promoted  
24 between agencies and stakeholders providing after-  
25 school care in Hawaii; and  
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- 27 (5) The development of efficient and collaborative ways to  
28 address funding, logistics, and outcomes of providing  
29 structured after-school programs at middle and  
30 intermediate schools; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of  
33 Education, or their designee, is requested to serve as the  
34 chairperson of the working group and to invite the following  
35 individuals, or their designees, to be members of the working  
36 group:  
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- 38 (1) Director of Human Services;  
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- 40 (2) One middle or intermediate school principal;  
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- 1 (3) One representative from a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community
- 2 Learning Center;
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- 4 (4) Executive Director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for
- 5 Education;
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- 7 (5) One representative from the Honolulu Police
- 8 Department;
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- 10 (6) Executive Director of After-School All-Stars Hawaii;
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- 12 (7) One representative of Kamehameha Schools; and
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- 14 (8) One representative of the private sector; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
 17 requested to convene the working group no later than July 1,  
 18 2016; and

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

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

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