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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH ACADEMIES  
STATEWIDE.

1           WHEREAS, Act 18, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009,  
2 required the John A. Burns School of Medicine to report findings  
3 and recommendations detailing an assessment of the physician  
4 workforce prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011  
5 and every odd-numbered year thereafter; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the John A. Burns School of Medicine's January  
8 2015 Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment reports that:  
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- 10           (1) The physician workforce in Hawaii has decreased from  
11           2,894 full-time equivalent physicians providing  
12           patient care in 2013 to 2,802 full-time equivalent  
13           physicians in 2014;  
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- 15           (2) The minimum current demand, not taking into account  
16           shortages of non-physician clinicians in Hawaii or the  
17           oversupply of some specialties artificially decreasing  
18           demand, is 3,276 full-time equivalent physicians to  
19           meet the needs of an equivalent demographic population  
20           elsewhere in America;  
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- 22           (3) When specialty-specific shortages are considered  
23           individually and the excess of physicians in areas of  
24           surplus are excluded from the calculation, the  
25           shortage of physicians is estimated at 655 full-time  
26           equivalent physicians, which indicates a continuing  
27           shortage of twenty percent of full-time equivalent  
28           physicians statewide; and  
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- 30           (4) A best case scenario for future workforce numbers is  
31           that by 2020, Hawaii will have a shortage of 800 full-  
32           time equivalent physicians; and  
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1 WHEREAS, given the impending, significant physician  
2 shortage, this body recognizes an opportunity for Hawaii's  
3 public school system to make significant contributions to a  
4 health care workforce in the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, established in 1991, the Farrington High School  
7 Health Academy (Farrington Health Academy) is a  
8 business/education partnership built on a health-related theme  
9 that provides a transition to higher education and entry level  
10 employment; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Farrington Health Academy offers a three-year  
13 interdisciplinary program that is open to incoming sophomores  
14 and juniors who are interested in developing career interests in  
15 health care and in preparing for entry level positions in health  
16 occupations or further schooling in the health field; and

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18 WHEREAS, in 1996, the Farrington Health Academy was one of  
19 twelve schools honored to receive the United States Department  
20 of Education Secretary's Award for Outstanding Vocational  
21 Technical Education Program; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Farrington Health Academy business/education  
24 partnership includes the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, the  
25 University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College, John A. Burns  
26 School of Medicine, and other healthcare facilities in the  
27 community, and receives support from healthcare partners in  
28 areas such as curriculum development, job shadowing  
29 opportunities, clinical experience, mock interviews, writing  
30 assessment, guest speakers, and other in-kind support; and

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32 WHEREAS, this body applauds the Farrington Health Academy  
33 for continuing to foster the development of home-grown health  
34 care professionals; and

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36 WHEREAS, this body endorses the establishment of health  
37 academies in high schools statewide by following the model the  
38 Farrington Health Academy has set to help accommodate the  
39 growing need for health care professionals in Hawaii; now,  
40 therefore,

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# S.C.R. NO. 19

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
 4 Education, Department of Health, and health care industry are  
 5 requested to establish health academies at high schools  
 6 throughout the State by following the model of the Farrington  
 7 High School Health Academy; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 11 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of  
 12 Health, who is requested to disseminate copies to entities  
 13 within the health care industry.  
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