
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER AMENDING ITS
SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION POLICY TO ALLOW THE DISTRIBUTION OF
CONDOMS AND OTHER PROPHYLACTIC DEVICES.

1 WHEREAS, there are several state laws and policies in place
2 to help prevent teen pregnancy and the spread of sexually
3 transmitted diseases; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Board of Education passed Sexual
6 Health Education Policy No. 103.5, which requires sexual health
7 education to include abstinence, contraception, and methods of
8 infection prevention to prevent unintended pregnancy and
9 sexually transmitted infection; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Study of
12 high school students, slightly over 21 percent of Hawaii's
13 students are sexually active, but the rate of their use of
14 condoms is the lowest among their peers in the surveyed states;
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17 WHEREAS, studies show that programs that make condoms
18 accessible help to increase condom use, delay sexual initiation,
19 and reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases; and
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21 WHEREAS, condoms are a highly effective way to prevent
22 unintended pregnancy and to reduce the likelihood of contracting
23 sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine, the American College of
26 Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Academy of
27 Pediatrics, and the American Medical Association have adopted
28 policies that recommend condoms to be made available to high
29 school students as part of a comprehensive school health
30 program; and



1 WHEREAS, condoms may be inaccessible to students without
2 resources; and

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4 WHEREAS, students who live in rural communities may
5 encounter issues with confidentiality, convenience, or cost; and
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7 WHEREAS, allowing health education teachers to give out
8 condoms in high schools may encourage sexually active students
9 to practice safe sex; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
13 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii's Board of Education
14 is urged to consider policies to allow high school health
15 education teachers to distribute condoms and other prophylactic
16 devices to high school students as a way to promote safe sexual
17 practices; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
21 Board of Education.
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