
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CREATE GUIDELINES FOR
INCORPORATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION INTO THE
CURRICULUM OF HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, climate change is a human created problem; and

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3 WHEREAS, hotter air increases evaporation and a warmer
4 atmosphere can hold more water and intensify weather; and

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6 WHEREAS, marine life is migrating to the north and south
7 poles due to warmer water, affecting local food sources and
8 economies, etc.; and

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10 WHEREAS, some coastal cities will flood due to sea level
11 rise; and

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13 WHEREAS, marine ecosystems will be negatively affected; and

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15 WHEREAS, higher temperatures will cause drought and fires;
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18 WHEREAS, use of fossil fuels creates CO₂, endangering our
19 atmosphere; and

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21 WHEREAS, warmer waters will stress corals and allow
22 allergens to grow, killing coral; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Arctic Ocean will be ice-free before the mid-
25 century; and

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27 WHEREAS, climate change may allow for increased mosquito
28 breeding and increased disease; and



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1 WHEREAS, sea levels may rise one to three feet by 2100; and

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3 WHEREAS, rising sea levels due to climate change can cause
4 flooding and erosion along coastal areas; and

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6 WHEREAS, more droughts brought on by climate change will
7 reduce freshwater sources; and

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9 WHEREAS, Greenland has lost between 150 and 250 cubic
10 kilometers of snow and ice; and

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12 WHEREAS, the warming temperatures of oceans are causing
13 coral to bleach; and

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15 WHEREAS, the younger generations are experiencing the
16 effects of climate change, and education on the topic will
17 assist them in adapting, as well as encouraging them to think
18 about solutions; and

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20 WHEREAS, Act 286, passed in 2012, addresses the need for
21 climate change education; and

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23 WHEREAS, there are currently no guidelines for teachers
24 regarding the incorporation of climate change education into the
25 current curriculum; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Education is
30 urged to create guidelines for the incorporation of climate
31 change education into the curriculum of Hawaii's public schools;
32 and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
36 Board of Education.

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