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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
TO ESTABLISH A COORDINATED MAGNET SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR  
KALAHEO HIGH SCHOOL AND KAILUA HIGH SCHOOL.

1           WHEREAS, magnet schools gained prominence in the 1970s as a  
2 tool for achieving voluntary desegregation, and subsequently  
3 expanded in focus to include purposes such as enhancing student  
4 learning and narrowing achievement gaps, giving public school  
5 parents more choice in their child's education experience, and  
6 incubating innovative educational methods and practices that can  
7 raise the bar for all schools; and

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9           WHEREAS, magnet schools attract students by offering  
10 specialized educational options and curricula that are not  
11 available at other area schools; and

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13           WHEREAS, magnet school programs in other states have  
14 resulted in increased achievement scores and reductions in  
15 achievement gaps for minority students; and

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17           WHEREAS, numerous research studies have indicated that the  
18 theme-based nature of magnet schools leads to increased student  
19 interest and engagement, resulting in a significantly higher  
20 graduation rate of students attending magnet schools compared to  
21 students attending non-magnet schools; and

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23           WHEREAS, Kalaheo High School and Kailua High School are  
24 relatively small schools serving students in nearby regions; and

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26           WHEREAS, monies allocated to Kalaheo High School and Kailua  
27 High School under the weighted student formula are insufficient  
28 for both schools to provide full advanced placement programs;  
29 and

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1 WHEREAS, Kalaheo High School and Kailua High School are  
 2 close enough in location for students from one school to enroll  
 3 in courses at the other school; now, therefore,

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 5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
 6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
 7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education  
 8 and Department of Education are encouraged to establish a  
 9 coordinated magnet school program for Kalaheo High School and  
 10 Kailua High School; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two schools participating  
 13 in the magnet school program coordinate with each other to  
 14 develop separate areas of curriculum specialization and focus in  
 15 order to complement the education choices for students in the  
 16 region; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that students at the two schools  
 19 participating in the magnet school program have the ability to  
 20 enroll in classes at either school depending on the students'  
 21 areas of interest, and that the schools provide transportation  
 22 to facilitate the students' enrollment and attendance; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 26 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Principal of  
 27 Kalaheo High School, and Principal of Kailua High School.

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