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SENATE 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;
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31 WHEREAS, Kalaheo High School and Kailua High School are
32 close enough in location for students from one school to enroll
33 in courses at the other school; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,
 3 that the Board of Education and Department of Education are
 4 encouraged to establish a coordinated magnet school program for
 5 Kalaheo High School and Kailua High School; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two schools participating
 8 in the magnet school program coordinate with each other to
 9 develop separate areas of curriculum specialization and focus in
 10 order to complement the education choices for students in the
 11 region; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that students at the two schools
 14 participating in the magnet school program have the ability to
 15 enroll in classes at either school depending on the students'
 16 areas of interest, and that the schools provide transportation
 17 to facilitate the students' enrollment and attendance; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 21 Education, Superintendent of Education, Principal of Kalaheo
 22 High School, and Principal of Kailua High School.

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