
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN
FOR A PARCEL IN THE NĀNĀKULI-WAI'ANAE COMPLEX AREA THAT
WOULD INCLUDE AN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER AND OTHER
FEATURES.

1 WHEREAS, schools in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area have
2 consistently ranked among the lowest performing schools in the
3 State; and
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5 WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2013, the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex
6 area participated in the Zones of School Innovation project,
7 which aimed to improve "priority schools", the lowest-performing
8 schools in the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Zones of School Innovation project targeted
11 specific areas that served the largest population of native
12 Hawaiian and economically-disadvantaged students in the State;
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15 WHEREAS, seven out of ten students in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae
16 complex area are economically-disadvantaged and fall well below
17 the state and national averages for educational attainment; and
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19 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 2393 (Regular Session of 2018) requires
20 the Department of Education (Department) to establish a
21 comprehensive plan to establish alternative learning centers in
22 each school complex area in the State; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Department owns vacant lands situated between
25 Wai'anae High School and Wai'anae Boat Harbor, identified as tax
26 map key 850020110000; and
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28 WHEREAS, Department officials have expressed support for
29 creating a master plan for the aforementioned parcel, which
30 would feature an alternative learning center, storefront, marine



1 science learning center, pool, cultural learning park, and other
2 features; and
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4 WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae is, for the most part,
5 situated adjacent to the Department's parcel on state lands; and
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7 WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae started as a houseless
8 encampment and has become a non-profit organization; and
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10 WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae has served and continues to
11 compassionately serve those facing a lack of adequate housing
12 and has gained the support of many, including the State
13 Legislature, which honored Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae leader, Twinkle
14 Borge, with a floor presentation in 2017; and
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16 WHEREAS, the State and other organizations continue to
17 assist Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae in its mission, and the Department's
18 master plan for its land is not intended to threaten Pu'uhonua o
19 Wai'anae, but rather to focus on the educational needs of
20 students in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area; and
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22 WHEREAS, the State constructed a halau wa'a (canoe house) on
23 the makai (ocean side) end of the aforementioned parcel, and the
24 non-profit E Ala Voyaging Academy holds a state lease for the
25 halau wa'a; and
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27 WHEREAS, E Ala Voyaging Academy is seeking to renew its
28 partnership with the Department in the near future and can play
29 a key role in attracting possible at-risk students who would
30 enroll in an alternative learning center; and
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32 WHEREAS, the State awarded funds to the non-profit Na Kama
33 Kai, which seeks to run an ocean education program at the
34 Herbert K. Pililaau Army Recreation Center, located near the
35 aforementioned parcel; and
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37 WHEREAS, Na Kama Kai has participated in discussions with
38 Department officials regarding the need for an alternative
39 learning center in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area and a
40 possible collaboration between the Department and Na Kama Kai;
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2 WHEREAS, Na Kama Kai has partnered with the Department on
3 various ocean safety and education initiatives and seeks to
4 continue and further broaden its partnership with the
5 Department; and
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7 WHEREAS, there are a variety of other organizations that
8 the Department or Superintendent of Education may identify who
9 can support the effort to establish an alternative learning
10 center; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
15 is requested to create a master plan for the parcel identified
16 as tax map key 850020110000, which would include an alternative
17 learning center and may also include a storefront, marine
18 science learning center, pool, cultural learning park, and other
19 features; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
22 complete the construction of the alternative learning center and
23 other features for the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area on the
24 aforementioned parcel of land by the 2023-2024 school year; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
28 Education, who, in turn, is requested to transmit a copy to any
29 other organization that the Superintendent or Department of
30 Education determines to be pertinent in supporting the creation
31 of an alternative learning center; Principal of Nānākuli High
32 and Intermediate School; Principal of Wai'anae Intermediate
33 School; Principal of Wai'anae High School; E Ala Voyaging
34 Academy; Herbert K. Pililaau Army Recreation Center; Chief
35 Executive Officer of Na Kama Kai; and Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae
36 Village Leader.
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