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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT OCEAN
SAFETY AND STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION FOR ALL FOURTH GRADE
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has seen a recent spike in local resident
2 drownings; and
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4 WHEREAS, ocean and water safety awareness at a young age is
5 key to drowning prevention; and
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7 WHEREAS, in the past the Department of Education provided
8 water safety education to all public school students; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Nānākuli-Waianae Complex Area partnered with
11 Nā Kama Kai to implement ocean safety and stewardship education
12 for all fourth grade students within the Complex Area; and
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14 WHEREAS, Nā Kama Kai's mission is to connect Hawaii's keiki
15 with the ocean and nurture a deep sense of stewardship for their
16 natural environment; and
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18 WHEREAS, ocean safety and stewardship education should be
19 reintroduced to public school students to increase awareness and
20 prevent ocean drownings; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
23 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
24 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is
25 encouraged to implement ocean safety and stewardship education
26 for all fourth grade public school students and to partner with
27 Nā Kama Kai; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
3 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Chief
4 Executive Officer of Nā Kama Kai.
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