
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE ACCESS AND EQUITY
TO DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, education is one of the most important factors in
2 a person's future success therefore improving and increasing
3 access to education by finding ways to expand educational
4 opportunities is of utmost importance; and
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6 WHEREAS, collaboration between the University of Hawaii System
7 and local high schools has led to the growth of dual credit
8 programs, which allow high school students to simultaneously
9 earn credit towards high school graduation and a college degree;
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12 WHEREAS, these programs are based on a model that has been
13 found to have significant positive outcomes for students who
14 participate in them by numerous reputable institutions such as
15 Hawaii P-20, the University of Texas, the American Institute for
16 Research, and the United States Department of Education to name
17 a few; and
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19 WHEREAS, the What Works Clearing House of the United States
20 Department of Education published a report in 2017 stating that
21 dual enrollment programs were found to have positive effects on
22 students' degree attainment, college access and enrollment,
23 credit accumulation, high school completion, and general
24 academic achievement; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Education's mission is to
27 ensure all students reach their goals therefore the department
28 should work with participants such as Hawaii P-20 and Jobs For
29 the Future to expand these programs for the maximum benefit to
30 our children; and
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1 WHEREAS, special attention should be given to expansion of
 2 dual credit programs for rural schools. Many of these students
 3 are inadvertently penalized from taking advantage of these
 4 programs because of their location and the distance to
 5 participating colleges. Technological advances should be
 6 leveraged to overcome these barriers; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 9 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 10 2020, the Senate concurring, the Department of Education is
 11 requested to expand dual credit opportunities that provide more
 12 high school students with the opportunity to earn credits, or
 13 even an associate's degree, before graduating high school.
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 16 requested to submit an annual report providing information on
 17 the expansion of dual credit programs to the Legislature no
 18 later than 20 days prior to each Regular Session beginning in
 19 2021 and to make these reports available on its website; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of the
 23 Department of Education, the Chairperson of the Board of
 24 Education, Hawaii P-20, Jobs For the Future, and other
 25 educational providers.
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