
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE
HOW TO EXPAND DUAL CREDIT ACCESS.

1 WHEREAS, the state must actively seek ways to improve and
2 increase access to education using technology and innovation to
3 create opportunities for students; and
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5 WHEREAS, programs like dual credit and early start have
6 been proven to have a positive correlation for students
7 enrolling in college, enhancing college performance, and
8 completing a bachelors program; and
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10 WHEREAS, low-income families and those in rural areas are
11 inadvertently excluded from these programs. Many rural students
12 and their families do not have the time or resources to travel
13 to participating colleges. Students from low-income families may
14 be barred from these programs due to lack of affordability; and
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16 WHEREAS, technological advances and ever evolving distance
17 learning curriculums afford the opportunity to create programs
18 that are more inclusive of any child who meets the
19 qualifications and has the will and desire to start college
20 early; and
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22 WHEREAS, several separate entities are currently providing
23 dual credit programs and they should be encouraged to create a
24 united effort in overcoming obstacles that hinder Hawaii's
25 children from reaching their potential; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
29 2020, urges a working group be created to explore increasing
30 access to dual credit programs; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Department of Education, Hawaii
2 P-20, Jobs for the Future, and any other organization
3 appropriate be invited to participate; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of the
7 Department of Education, the Chairperson of the Board of
8 Education, Hawaii P-20, Jobs for the Future, and other
9 educational providers.
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