
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO THE WE THE PEOPLE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE C3 FRAMEWORK FOR SOCIAL STUDIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the lowest voter turnout in the nation,
2 with only 52.6 percent of registered voters casting a ballot in
3 the 2018 general election; and
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5 WHEREAS, civic education programs, such as We The People,
6 prepare students to participate in the political and public life
7 of their communities; and
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9 WHEREAS, civic education teaches students to recognize
10 social problems, evaluate possible solutions, separate evidence-
11 based claims from opinions, and act upon what they learn; and
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13 WHEREAS, in 2013, the National Council for Social Studies
14 published the College, Career, & Civic Life C3 Framework of
15 Social Studies; and
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17 WHEREAS, the C3 Framework incorporates new paradigms
18 focusing on global perspectives, multicultural viewpoints,
19 democratic citizenship, connecting the past with the present,
20 collaborative learning and work environments, and applying
21 knowledge to the broader community; and
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23 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Board of Education adopted the
24 College, Career, and Civic Life Framework for Social Studies
25 State Standards, or C3 Framework, to implement inquiry-based
26 learning and emphasize the application of knowledge to real-
27 world problems, issues, and concerns; and
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29 WHEREAS, We The People advances the goals established under
30 the C3 Framework for social studies, including increasing



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1 students' understanding of democratic responsibility and civic
2 engagement; and

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4 WHEREAS, cultivating civic, social, and political
5 engagement among students is one strategy to increase voter
6 turnout over the long term; 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, that the Department of Education is requested to expand
11 access to the We The People program for public school students;
12 and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
15 requested to provide a report to the Legislature on the
16 Department's implementation of the C3 Framework for social
17 studies in public schools, including expanding access to the We
18 The People program, no later than twenty days prior to the
19 convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
23 Education and Superintendent of the Department of Education.

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