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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSIGN STUDENTS RESIDING  
IN HONOKAI HALE AND KO OLINA TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
COMPLEX WITHIN THEIR GEOGRAPHIC AREA, THE NANAKULI COMPLEX.

1           WHEREAS, research demonstrates that overcrowding in schools  
2 negatively affects student achievement levels, stress levels,  
3 attendance, and concentration; and  
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5           WHEREAS, overcrowding also has a detrimental effect on  
6 teacher morale and their available time to adequately plan and  
7 deliver lectures; and  
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9           WHEREAS, multi-tracking is an approach used to address  
10 school overcrowding by dividing students and faculty into  
11 multiple groups who attend school year-round on alternating  
12 schedules; and  
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14           WHEREAS, students in multi-tracked schools have tested an  
15 average of two percent lower than students in traditional  
16 schools on national reading, math, and language assessments; and  
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18           WHEREAS, studies have shown that multi-tracking is more  
19 expensive over the long term, can harm community and family  
20 cohesion, and can lead to increased stress and burnout for  
21 students, teachers, and parents; and  
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23           WHEREAS, multi-tracking is currently used in the Kapolei  
24 Complex school system, where overcrowding is a longstanding  
25 problem; and  
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27           WHEREAS, overcrowding in Kapolei area schools is  
28 attributable, at least in part, to the Department of Education's  
29 assignment of students to the Kapolei Complex from Honokai Hale  
30 and Ko Olina; and  
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1 WHEREAS, reassigning these students to the Nanakuli Complex  
 2 would help even the distribution of students among the Leeward  
 3 District complexes and would ease overcrowding in the Kapolei  
 4 Complex without the need to multi-track; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 7 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
 8 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is  
 9 strongly urged to assign students residing in Honokai Hale and  
 10 Ko Olina to attend the public school complex within their  
 11 geographic area, the Nanakuli Complex, starting with the 2020-  
 12 2021 academic year; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 16 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and principals  
 17 of all schools in the Kapolei Complex and Nanakuli Complex  
 18 school systems.  
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