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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON  
AUGMENTING, INCREASING, AND EXPANDING AFTER SCHOOL  
PROGRAMS.

1           WHEREAS, the after school programs of the Department of  
2 Education are an important resource for working families and  
3 provide a safe, enjoyable, and educational venue for students  
4 between the end of the school day and when they can rejoin their  
5 family and caregivers; and

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7           WHEREAS, the after school programs of the Department of  
8 Education include After-School Plus (A+); Resources for  
9 Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (REACH); and Uniting  
10 Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge (UPLINK); and

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12           WHEREAS, while A+, REACH, and UPLINK are all worthy  
13 programs, more can be done; and

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15           WHEREAS, diverse and effective after school programs can  
16 help to achieve a number of important social goals; and

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18           WHEREAS, increased monetary support for after school  
19 programs serving underprivileged youth can assist overworked,  
20 low-income families who cannot afford babysitters; and

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22           WHEREAS, after school programs help to occupy students  
23 during the hours of the day in which they are more likely to  
24 engage in criminal activity, experiment with illegal substances  
25 and alcohol, or become the victim of crime; and

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27           WHEREAS, a revitalization and expansion of after school  
28 programs can help Hawaii to prevent the occurrence of teen  
29 suicide and attempted suicide rather than to continue suffering  
30 from one of the highest rates in the nation; and

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1 WHEREAS, curriculum can be implemented in after school  
2 programs to inspire youth to do and be more; and

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4 WHEREAS, improved after school programs can help expose the  
5 youth of Hawaii on the wide variety of career opportunities  
6 available to them across the globe; and

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8 WHEREAS, teenagers in particular could be supported with  
9 opportunities for learning life skills such as money management,  
10 how to build credit, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship  
11 basics; and

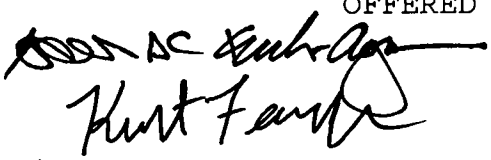
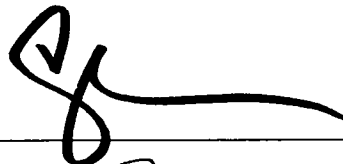


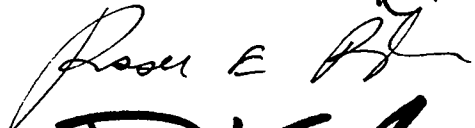
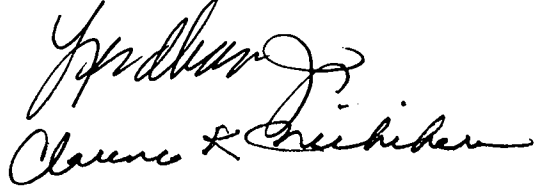

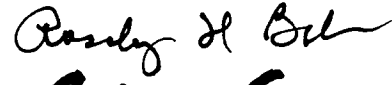
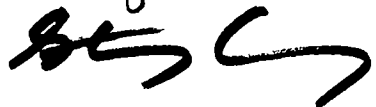
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13 WHEREAS, diverse after school programming can help youth  
14 discover what sparks their passion; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
17 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
18 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is  
19 urged to conduct a study on how after school programs may be  
20 augmented, increased, or expanded, and submit a report of its  
21 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
22 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
23 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board  
27 of Education and Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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