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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE ACCESS TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

1 WHEREAS, sexual violence and sexual harassment are growing
2 concerns on public school campuses; and

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4 WHEREAS, sexual violence and sexual harassment impair
5 students' ability to concentrate on educational objectives and
6 compromise students' sense of safety and overall well-being; and

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8 WHEREAS, under Title IX of the Education Amendments of
9 1972, all forms of sexual harassment and sexual violence are
10 prohibited in any education program or activity that receives
11 federal funding; and

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13 WHEREAS, according to a survey conducted by the American
14 Association of University Women, fifty-eight percent of students
15 in grades seven to twelve report experiencing sexual harassment;
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18 WHEREAS, according to the nonprofit organization Stop
19 Sexual Assault in Schools, thirty-two percent of students who
20 experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment reported not
21 wanting to go back to school after being assaulted or harassed;
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24 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of
25 Education, nearly half of teens who experience teen dating
26 violence, including sexual violence, experience abuse on campus;
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29 WHEREAS, according to the anti-abuse organization Break the
30 Cycle, eighty percent of high school counselors feel unprepared
31 to provide trauma-informed care to students who report being
32 abused; and



1 WHEREAS, trauma-informed care involves providing school
 2 staff and students with the skills and support necessary to
 3 manage reactions to traumatic stress and build a positive school
 4 climate; 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, that the
 8 Department of Education is urged to increase access to trauma-
 9 informed care for public school students who experience sexual
 10 violence; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 13 requested to offer training in trauma-informed care to teachers,
 14 administrators, and school staff to improve reporting,
 15 preventing, and intervening in cases of sexual violence
 16 throughout the Department; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 19 urged to collaborate with victim service providers that assist
 20 survivors of sexual violence in the development of school-based
 21 programs and protocols to help identify and support students who
 22 are victims of sexual violence; and

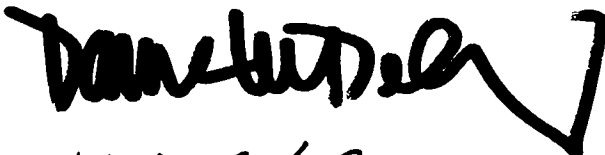
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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least twenty days prior to
 25 the convening of the Regular Session of 2021, the Department of
 26 Education is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of
 27 its progress in implementing trauma-informed care practices
 28 throughout the Department, including any proposed legislation;
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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 32 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
 33 members of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of
 34 Education.

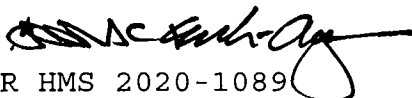
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