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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE VOTER REGISTRATION
IN THE STATE AND REGISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM AS A CONDITION FOR RECEIVING A
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the promotion of civic education, democratic
2 discourse, and public participation, particularly among young
3 people, is a priority in the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, in addition to coursework in history and
6 government studies, satisfactory completion of "Participation in
7 Democracy", a course that emphasizes civic discourse and active
8 citizenship, is mandatory for any public school student in the
9 State in order to earn a Hawaii high school diploma; and
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11 WHEREAS, students in this course examine government
12 structures, political activities, democratic processes, and
13 other contemporary civic issues; and
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15 WHEREAS, at the federal level, civic participation is
16 encouraged and even required in certain circumstances; and
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18 WHEREAS, specifically, male United States citizens and male
19 immigrant non-citizens who are not otherwise exempt are required
20 to register with the United States Selective Service System
21 within thirty days of reaching the age of eighteen, and remain
22 registered until the age of twenty-six; and
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24 WHEREAS, the federal selective service registration
25 requirement ensures a fair and equitable military draft, if ever
26 required, to protect our nation; and
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28 WHEREAS, registration with the United States Selective
29 Service System is required to qualify for various federal
30 programs and opportunities, including the Free Application for
31 Federal Student Aid, certain student loans, Pell grants, federal



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1 employment, federally funded job training, and citizenship
2 through naturalization; and
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4 WHEREAS, establishing voter registration in the State and
5 registration in the United States Selective Service System as a
6 condition for the issuance of a Hawaii high school diploma to
7 any public high school student in the State promotes the
8 interests and priorities of the State; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
11 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Board
12 of Education is requested to require voter registration in the
13 State and registration in the United States Selective Service
14 System pursuant to title 50 United States Code chapter 49, as
15 amended, as a condition for receiving a public high school
16 diploma in the State; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any requirement to register
19 with the federal selective service should not apply to any
20 student who qualifies for the exemption for persons
21 conscientiously opposed to war as specified in title 5 United
22 States Code chapter 49, section 3806, as amended; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education is
25 requested to adopt administrative rules to effectuate the
26 purposes of this resolution; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
30 Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.
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OFFERED BY: *M. P. W.*

By Request

