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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COMPLEX AREA SUPERINTENDENTS OF BALDWIN-
KEKAULIKE-MAUI AND HANA-LAHAINALUNA-LANAI-MOLOKAI COMPLEX
AREAS TO LOOK AT THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF ALL SCHOOLS TO
ADDRESS OVERCROWDING, THE NUMBER OF GEOGRAPHIC EXCEPTIONS,
AND THE NUMBER OF HAWAIIAN IMMERSION STUDENTS ATTENDING
OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT TO BETTER ALIGN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
AND ESTABLISH HAWAIIAN IMMERSION PROGRAMS IN OTHER
DISTRICTS.

1 WHEREAS, there is a strong demand for Hawaiian language
2 immersion programs among public school students and their
3 families; and
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5 WHEREAS, this demand often causes students and their
6 families to seek geographic exceptions to attend such programs
7 outside of their service area; and
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9 WHEREAS, in August 2019 the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that
10 the State's constitution requires the Department of Education to
11 provide "reasonable access" to Hawaiian language immersion
12 programs to public school students; and
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14 WHEREAS, chapter 302A-1143, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
15 requires children to attend school in the service area they
16 reside unless they are enrolled in a Hawaiian language medium
17 education program or charter school, secure a geographic
18 exception to attend school in another service area, or required
19 by the department by federal law to attend school in an
20 out-of-service area; and
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22 WHEREAS, there is a compelling state interest in ensuring
23 that the district boundaries of services areas are drawn to
24 maximize the availability of Hawaiian language immersion
25 programs for public school students; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
28 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
29 Complex Area Superintendents of the Baldwin-Kekaulike-Maui and
30 Hana-Lahainaluna-Lanai-Molokai complex areas look at the:



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- 2 (1) District boundaries of all schools to address
- 3 overcrowding;
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- 5 (2) Number of geographic exceptions; and
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- 7 (3) Number of Hawaiian immersion students attending
- 8 outside of district;
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- 10 to better align the district boundaries and establish Hawaiian
- 11 immersion programs in other districts; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
 15 Complex Area Superintendents of Baldwin-Kekaulike-Maui and Hana-
 16 Lahainaluna-Lanai-Molokai Complex Areas.

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