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SENATE 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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32 WHEREAS, reassigning these students to the Nanakuli Complex
33 would help even the distribution of students among the Leeward
34 District complexes and would ease overcrowding in the Kapolei
35 Complex without the need to multi-track; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
 3 Department of Education is strongly urged to assign students
 4 residing in Honokai Hale and Ko Olina to attend the public
 5 school complex within their geographic area, the Nanakuli
 6 Complex, starting with the 2020-2021 academic year; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 10 Education, Superintendent of Education, and principals of all
 11 schools in the Kapolei Complex and Nanakuli Complex school
 12 systems.

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