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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSIGN STUDENTS RESIDING IN HONOKAI HALE AND KO OLINA TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPLEX WITHIN THE STUDENTS' GEOGRAPHIC AREA, THE NANAKULI COMPLEX.

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that overcrowding in schools negatively affects student achievement levels, stress levels, attendance, and concentration; and

WHEREAS, overcrowding also has a detrimental effect on teacher morale and limits the time available for teachers to adequately plan and deliver lectures; and

WHEREAS, multi-tracking is an approach used to address school overcrowding by dividing students and faculty into multiple groups who attend school year-round on alternating schedules; and

WHEREAS, students in multi-tracked schools have tested an average of two percent lower than students in traditional schools on national reading, math, and language assessments; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that multi-tracking is more expensive over the long term and can harm community and family cohesion and lead to increased stress and burnout for students, teachers, and parents; and

WHEREAS, multi-tracking is currently used in the Kapolei Complex, where overcrowding is a longstanding problem; and

WHEREAS, overcrowding in Kapolei Complex schools is at least partially attributable to the Department of Education's assignment of students to the Kapolei Complex from Honokai Hale and Ko Olina; and

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WHEREAS, reassigning these students to the Nanakuli Complex would help balance the distribution of students among the complex areas within the Leeward District and ease overcrowding in the Kapolei Complex without the need to multi-track; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the House of Representatives concurring, the Senate concurring, that, starting with the 2021-2022 academic year, the Department of Education is strongly urged to assign students residing in Honokai Hale and Ko Olina to attend the public school complex within the students' geographic area, the Nanakuli Complex; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and principals of all schools in the Kapolei Complex and Nanakuli Complex.

OFFERED BY:

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