
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ENFORCE THE
PROHIBITION OF EXCESSIVE VEHICLE IDLING AND TO DEVELOP SAFE
DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES FOR HAWAII'S CHILDREN.

1 WHEREAS, emissions from motor vehicles are one of the
2 greatest sources of manmade pollution on Earth; and
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4 WHEREAS, an idling vehicle releases harmful chemicals,
5 gases, and particle pollution into the air, contributing to
6 ozone damage, regional haze, and global climate change; and
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8 WHEREAS, every gallon of gas burned produces more than
9 twenty pounds of greenhouse gases; and
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11 WHEREAS, research from the United States Environmental
12 Protection Agency confirms that personal vehicles generate about
13 thirty million tons of carbon dioxide every year; and
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15 WHEREAS, research by the United States Department of Energy
16 Argonne National Laboratory confirms that idling for more than
17 ten seconds uses more fuel and emits more carbon dioxide than
18 engine restarting; and
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20 WHEREAS, children are particularly vulnerable to air
21 pollutants because their lungs are still developing, they
22 breathe faster than adults, and due to their height, they are
23 closer to the ground and thus closer to vehicle tailpipes; and
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25 WHEREAS, pollution in exhaust can aggravate asthma and
26 allergies, as well as contribute to cardiovascular and
27 respiratory diseases and cancer; and
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29 WHEREAS, higher levels of air pollution have been linked to
30 increased school absences, hospital visits, and even premature
31 deaths; now, therefore,
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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
5 Education is requested to enforce the state prohibition on
6 excessive idling and to develop pick-up and drop-off procedures
7 that do not endanger the health and well-being of Hawaii's
8 children by exposure to exhaust fumes; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
12 Education and Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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