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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF LATER SCHOOL START TIMES.

1           WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that  
2 the first school bell ring no earlier than 8:30 a.m. nationwide;  
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5           WHEREAS, early school start times are associated with  
6 students sleeping less, irritability and fatigue, and difficulty  
7 paying attention in class, leading to poor academic performance;  
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10           WHEREAS, all but five public high schools in the State  
11 begin their school days before 8:30 a.m.; now, therefore,  
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13           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
16 Education is requested to conduct a study of the implementation  
17 of later school start times to commence no earlier than 8:30  
18 a.m. and the impact on student health and wellness; and  
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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to  
21 include public elementary, middle, and high schools; provided  
22 that each school maintain the minimum instructional time  
23 requirements under section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes;  
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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is also requested to  
27 consider state provided school bus and school meal schedules for  
28 public schools to align with the later school start times; and  
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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
31 requested to submit a report on its study, including any  
32 proposed legislation, to the Legislature, no later than twenty  
33 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is requested to consult with other state agencies concerning its study; 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, Director of Health, Director of Human Services, and Director of Transportation

OFFERED BY: 

