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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP INDOOR
ATHLETIC COURTS AND GYMNASIUMS AT ELEMENTARY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, physical education and athletic activities are
2 essential components of a well-rounded education, promoting the
3 physical health and well-being of students; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's weather is often unpredictable, with
6 frequent rainfall and other inclement conditions that make it
7 difficult to conduct outdoor physical education classes and
8 athletic activities; and
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10 WHEREAS, the lack of indoor gymnasiums and athletic courts
11 at many elementary public schools severely limits student
12 opportunities to engage in consistent physical activity, which
13 is critical for physical development and overall health; and
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15 WHEREAS, having indoor gymnasiums and courts would ensure
16 that physical education classes and extracurricular athletic
17 programs can be conducted without interruption due to adverse
18 weather conditions; and
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20 WHEREAS, in addition to serving as spaces for physical
21 education and athletics, indoor gymnasiums can also function as
22 multi-purpose areas for school assemblies, student performances,
23 and other school-related events, enhancing the overall
24 educational experience for students; and
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26 WHEREAS, providing indoor athletic facilities would align
27 with the State's commitment to fostering a healthy and active
28 lifestyle among students while also offering valuable spaces for
29 school-wide activities and community gatherings; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
33 that the Department of Education is requested to develop plans
34 for the construction of indoor athletic courts and gymnasiums at
35 elementary public schools across the State; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
2 urged to consider factors such as school size, student
3 population, and geographic location in prioritizing the
4 development of these facilities; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
8 Education and the Superintendent of Education.
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OFFERED BY:

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