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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM THAT SHORTENS SCHOOL HOURS ON FRIDAYS FOR ONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ONE MIDDLE OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, AND ONE HIGH SCHOOL TO ALLOW STUDENTS MORE TIME TO WORK ON HOMEWORK.

1 WHEREAS, student workload has been increasing, leading to
2 high levels of stress and anxiety among students at all grade
3 levels; and

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5 WHEREAS, studies have shown that students benefit from
6 additional time outside of school to complete homework, engage
7 in extracurricular activities, and maintain a healthy work-life
8 balance; and

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10 WHEREAS, providing students with additional time on Fridays
11 to complete homework may improve academic performance, promote
12 better time management skills, and enhance overall well-being;
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15 WHEREAS, a three-year pilot program would allow the
16 Department of Education to assess the impact of shortened school
17 hours on Fridays in a controlled and measured manner; and

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19 WHEREAS, selecting one elementary school, one middle or
20 intermediate school, and one high school would provide a
21 comprehensive evaluation across different grade levels; now,
22 therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
26 that the Department of Education is requested to implement a
27 three-year pilot program that shortens school hours on Fridays
28 for one elementary school, one middle or intermediate school,
29 and one high school to allow students more time to work on
30 homework; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
33 requested to submit annual reports on the progress and outcomes



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1 of the pilot program to the Legislature no later than twenty
2 days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2027,
3 2028, 2029, and 2030 including data on student academic
4 performance, feedback from teachers and parents, and
5 recommendations for whether the pilot project should be made
6 permanent, implemented statewide, or terminated; 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 and the Superintendent of Education.
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