
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FORM A TASK FORCE TO
EVALUATE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING PROGRAMS IN
SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, each student in the State of Hawaii produces about
2 half a pound of waste per school day; and

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4 WHEREAS, The Long Beach Unified School District in Los
5 Angeles, California, adopted a recycling program that will save
6 it \$310,000 a year by recycling solid waste, food waste, paper,
7 aluminum, glass, plastic, and other materials; and

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9 WHEREAS, composting food or green waste to create mulch can
10 decrease the amount that schools spend on fertilizer for plants,
11 grass, and athletic fields; and

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13 WHEREAS, schools in Hawaii use up to thirty-one thousand
14 cubic yards of landfill space every month, and landfills in
15 Hawaii are approaching or have already reached capacity; and

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17 WHEREAS, it costs \$6 per cubic yard to use space in a
18 landfill, which means it costs \$186,000 each month for schools
19 in the State to dump their trash and pay for pickup fees; and

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21 WHEREAS, if schools in Hawaii recycle more of their trash
22 rather than dispose of it in landfills, this would decrease the
23 amount of trash in landfills, decrease the amount of money that
24 schools spend on trash disposal, produce revenue for the school
25 from recycling, and teach students responsible recycling habits;
26 now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
31 Education is requested to form a task force to evaluate



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1 comprehensive recycling options available to schools, including
2 but not limited to, evaluating all costs and benefits of
3 statewide school recycling programs; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
6 requested to submit a report of its task force's findings and
7 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
8 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
12 Board of Education; and the Superintendent of Education, who in
13 turn is requested to transmit copies to complex area
14 superintendents, all secondary school principals, and all school
15 community council chairpersons; the Chairperson of the Board of
16 Land and Natural Resources; and the Director of the Hawaii State
17 Student Council.
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