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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CHANGE THE HAWAII
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO ALLOW CHILDREN WHO ARE HOME
SCHOOLED TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR OR
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

1 WHEREAS, co-curricular or extracurricular activities,
2 including athletics, play an important role in the holistic
3 development of a child; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's public school system, as well as the
6 Department of Human Services, affords public school students the
7 opportunity to participate in numerous before-school and after-
8 school activities that enhance their development as contributing
9 members of our communities; and
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11 WHEREAS, section 302B-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, affords
12 charter school students the right to participate in athletic
13 programs at public schools; and
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15 WHEREAS, home schooled students need to have a well-
16 balanced education, similar to public school and charter school
17 students; and
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19 WHEREAS, home schooled students lack the same recreational
20 enrichment provided by co-curricular or extracurricular
21 activities available to public school students; and
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23 WHEREAS, based on the number of 4140 forms filed, the
24 Department of Education has 9,147 students formally registered
25 as home schooled students; and
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27 WHEREAS, parents of home schooled students must pay for
28 their children's curriculum and supplies, but must also pay
29 taxes to support the public financing of the Department of
30 Education's \$2.4 billion budget; and
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2 WHEREAS, subsection 8-12-13(d), Hawaii Administrative Rules
3 (HAR) provides that the parents of a home schooled student are
4 responsible for the child's total educational program, including
5 athletics and co-curricular activities; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
10 Education is requested to change the HAR to allow children who
11 are home schooled to participate in public school co-curricular
12 or extracurricular activities; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
16 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.
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OFFERED BY: _____

