
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FURTHER
SUPPORT FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE COURSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT LIMIT OR DO
NOT OFFER THESE COURSES.

1 WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the Southern
2 Regional Education Board (SREB) in July 2007, growth in the
3 participation of advanced placement (AP) and International
4 Baccalaureate (IB) courses in the SREB states has led to a
5 higher percentage of proficiency rates that have exceeded the
6 national averages; and

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8 WHEREAS, according to the College Board, a not-for-profit
9 examination board, AP courses allow students to challenge
10 themselves with rigorous college-level courses in high school
11 and earn college credit through their success in the AP
12 examination; and

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14 WHEREAS, the International Baccalaureate Organization has
15 found that IB students consistently attain admission into
16 prestigious universities around the world such as Oxford
17 University, University of British Columbia, and Harvard
18 University; and

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20 WHEREAS, in a study conducted by the Massachusetts
21 Institute of Technology, AP and IB students who earn credit
22 through the AP and IB programs perform better than the average
23 student; and

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25 WHEREAS, in research done by the National Center for
26 Educational Accountability students who take AP or IB courses
27 are twice as likely to graduate from college in five years than
28 students who have not attempted any AP or IB courses; now,
29 therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
4 Education is requested to provide further support for public
5 schools that limit or do not offer advanced placement and
6 International Baccalaureate courses so that these schools may
7 establish such programs or expand their existing programs; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
10 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
11 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
12 Session of 2010; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
16 Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of
17 Education, and the principals of all public high schools.