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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION TO COLLABORATE WITH PARENT ORGANIZATIONS TO  
DEVELOP STATEWIDE POLICIES FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FOR  
HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that family engagement is an  
2 important predictor of student success and is important in a  
3 child's cognitive, social, and emotional development; and  
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5 WHEREAS, children benefit from family engagement in their  
6 schools, including at the early childhood, elementary, middle or  
7 intermediate, and high school levels; and  
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9 WHEREAS, family engagement helps close educational gaps  
10 between children of different socioeconomic backgrounds; and  
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12 WHEREAS, family engagement in public education can help to  
13 create policies, strategies, and practices that support learning  
14 and improve student achievement; and  
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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of ten states identified by the  
17 National PTA that do not have statutes pertaining to family  
18 engagement in school; now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education  
23 and Department of Education are requested to collaborate with  
24 parent organizations to develop policies for family engagement  
25 for public schools; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and  
28 Department of Education are requested to report their findings  
29 and make legislative recommendations to facilitate family  
30 engagement to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
31 the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

OFFERED BY:

  
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