
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE EACH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW ITS SCHOOL'S ATTENDANCE POLICY,
CREATE BENCHMARKS TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE, AND DEVELOP AN
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO MEET THOSE BENCHMARKS.

1 WHEREAS, student learning can be severely affected by poor
2 attendance and some schools in the State report that more than
3 fifteen percent of students miss fifteen or more days of school
4 a year; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Board of Education has a general policy on
7 attendance and each school has its own attendance policy; and

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9 WHEREAS, those attendance policies cannot be effective
10 without the school community providing meaningful support to
11 promote attendance by all students; and

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13 WHEREAS, school community councils should be the venue for
14 establishing attendance goals and the implementation of a plan
15 or program to meet those goals; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Education is
20 requested to require each school community council to review its
21 school's attendance policy, establish benchmarks to improve
22 attendance, and develop an implementation plan to meet those
23 benchmarks; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education report
26 to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and the House
27 Committee on Education on the progress of each school community
28 council in reviewing its school's attendance policy,
29 establishing benchmarks to improve attendance, and developing an
30 implementation plan, no later than twenty days prior to the
31 convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a group of representatives from
 2 the school community councils, as selected by the Chairs of the
 3 Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on
 4 Education, report to the Legislature on their accomplishments in
 5 meeting their benchmarks of improved student attendance no later
 6 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 7 of 2014; and

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