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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education  
20 is requested to require each school community council to review  
21 its 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



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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