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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COLLABORATE WITH PARENT ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR STATEWIDE POLICIES FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that family engagement is an
2 important indicator 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, in response to Senate Concurrent Resolution No.
17 145, Regular Session of 2011, the Department of Education has
18 identified the following actions to update and implement
19 statewide policies for family engagement:
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21 (1) Update and align Board of Education Parent/Family
22 Involvement Policy No. 2403 and Comprehensive Student
23 Support Policy No. 2203 to reflect advancements in
24 research and practice in regards to student support
25 and family engagement;
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27 (2) Align and integrate school-family partnership policies
28 and practices across the system with the Department of
29 Education Strategic Plan, Board of Education policies,
30 and state and federal statutory requirements;
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- 1 (3) Develop and maintain a robust system of two-way
2 communication between families and the Department of
3 Education at all levels, from schools to upper
4 administration;
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- 6 (4) Develop a common set of general practices across the
7 Department of Education to ensure that families and
8 schools have consistent expectations by which to
9 interact and communicate effectively;
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- 11 (5) Build system capacity by providing and coordinating
12 resources and training for families and schools to
13 support effective family-school partnerships;
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- 15 (6) Establish a system of accountability, including the
16 development of measureable indicators, by which
17 families and schools can assess progress toward
18 improving family-school engagement;
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- 20 (7) Identify schools and complex areas that are
21 effectively using family-school partnerships to
22 support student achievement and disseminate effective
23 practices system wide; and
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- 25 (8) Continue to monitor the progress of implementing
26 family-school partnerships and submitting a report to
27 the Legislature; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education
32 and Department of Education are requested to collaborate with
33 parent organizations to establish, implement, and monitor the
34 statewide policy recommendations for family engagement for
35 public schools listed above and included in their report to the
36 Legislature pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 145,
37 Regular Session of 2011; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and
40 Department of Education are requested to report their findings
41 and make recommendations, including proposed legislation, if
42 any, to facilitate family engagement to the Legislature no later
43 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
44 of 2013; and



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