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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON
THE CORRELATION BETWEEN CHILDREN WHO ARE LATE-BORN AND THE
HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUT RATE.

1 WHEREAS, research shows that the first five years of a
2 child's life contain crucial physical, mental, and social
3 developmental milestones that have life-long effects; and
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5 WHEREAS, late-born children, defined as those born after
6 August 1, are younger when enrolling in kindergarten and then
7 grouped with older children born in the same year; and
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9 WHEREAS, late-born children may not be as developed as
10 their older counterparts when beginning kindergarten and,
11 accordingly, may not perform as well in school as their older
12 counterparts; and
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14 WHEREAS, lower academic performance may affect the self-
15 esteem of late-born children, which in turn may lead to higher
16 drop out rates for late-born children; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
21 Education is requested to conduct research on the correlation
22 between children who are late-born and the high school drop out
23 rate; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report on the research
26 conducted include both the raw numbers and percentages of school
27 drop outs by month born, quarter of the year born, gender,
28 socio-economic status, ethnicity, special needs, and school
29 complex area; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
2 requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations
3 to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening
4 of the Regular Session of 2013; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
8 Education.

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