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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RESEARCH STATE MODELS AND
BEST PRACTICES ON HOME SCHOOLED STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN
PUBLIC SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS AND
EXPLORE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A PROGRAM IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, on February 8, 2013, the National Governors
2 Association provided the Governor's Office with a memorandum
3 outlining the different approaches other states have taken on
4 home schooled student participation in public school
5 extracurricular activities and sports; and
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7 WHEREAS, according to the National Governors Association,
8 there are currently thirty-five states that allow home schooled
9 students to participate in extracurricular activities in some
10 way or leave the decision as to whether to allow home schooled
11 students to participate in extracurricular activities and sports
12 up to the local school boards or the individual public schools;
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15 WHEREAS, some states allow home schooled students equal
16 access to public school extracurricular activities; and
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18 WHEREAS, other states require dual or part-time enrollment
19 of home schooled students at a public school in order to be
20 allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or sports;
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23 WHEREAS, the Board of Education currently does not have a
24 policy allowing home schooled students to participate in
25 extracurricular activities or sports at Hawaii's public schools;
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28 WHEREAS, home schooled students should have the opportunity
29 to participate on an equal basis in extracurricular activities
30 and sports offered by public schools because they can benefit
31 substantially from extracurricular school activities and sports
32 in the same manner as their public school counterparts; now,
33 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
 3 that the Board of Education is requested to research state
 4 models and best practices on home schooled student participation
 5 in public school extracurricular activities and sports and
 6 explore implementation of such a program in Hawaii; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in examining this issue, the
 9 Board of Education is requested to engage with various
 10 stakeholders, including but not limited to the following:
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- 12 (1) Public school principals;
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- 14 (2) Public school athletic coaches;
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- 16 (3) The School Liaison Officers for the United States
 17 Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy; and
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- 19 (4) The Hawai'i Homeschool Association; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education report
 22 its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later
 23 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 24 of 2014; provided that the report shall include any policies
 25 developed or implemented by the Board of Education allowing home
 26 school students to participate in public school extracurricular
 27 activities and sports, and any proposed legislation, if
 28 appropriate; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
 32 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, School Liaison
 33 Officer for the United States Army, School Liaison Officer for
 34 the United States Air Force, School Liaison Officer for the
 35 United States Coast Guard, School Liaison Officer for the United
 36 States Marines, School Liaison Officer for the United States
 37 Navy, and Hawai'i Homeschool Association.
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