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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR STATEWIDE POLICIES FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, family-school partnerships are an important
2 indicator of student success and are important in a child's
3 cognitive, social, and emotional development; and
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5 WHEREAS, children benefit from family-school partnerships,
6 including at the early childhood, elementary, middle or
7 intermediate, and high school levels; and
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9 WHEREAS, family-school partnerships help close educational
10 gaps between children of different socioeconomic backgrounds;
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13 WHEREAS, family-school partnerships in public education can
14 help to create policies, strategies, and practices that support
15 learning and improve student achievement; and
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17 WHEREAS, in response to Senate Concurrent Resolution No.
18 145, Regular Session of 2011 (S.C.R. 145), and Senate Concurrent
19 Resolution No. 79, Regular Session of 2012 (S.C.R. 79), the
20 Department of Education, in collaboration with a working group
21 comprised of family and community organizations, completed the
22 following actions in preparation for updating and implementing
23 statewide policies for family-school partnerships:
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- 25 (1) Presenting draft revisions to the Board of Education
26 of its Parent/Family Involvement Policy No. 2403 to
27 more accurately reflect the nature of the relationship
28 between students' families and their schools that the
29 Department wishes to promote, including renaming the
30 policy the "Family-School Partnership Policy" and



1 including standards adapted from the National Parent
2 Teacher Association Standards for Family-School
3 Partnerships; and
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- 5 (2) Incorporating recommendations from the working group
6 into the Department of Education's strategic plan
7 regarding family satisfaction with school
8 responsiveness, and engaging parent and community
9 stakeholders; and
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11 WHEREAS, the following actions are necessary to fulfill the
12 legislative intent of S.C.R. 145 and S.C.R. 79:
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- 14 (1) Adoption by the Board of Education of revisions to its
15 Parent/Family Involvement Policy No. 2403 to
16 incorporate the suggestions of the working group, and
17 collaboration with family and community organizations
18 to monitor the implementation of the policy;
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- 20 (2) Update and align the Board of Education's Student
21 Support Policy No. 2203 to reflect advancements in
22 research and practice in regard to student support and
23 family engagement, and collaboration with family and
24 community organizations to monitor the implementation
25 of the policy;
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- 27 (3) Incorporation of the recommendations of the working
28 group into the Department of Education's strategic
29 plan regarding improvement of two-way communication
30 with families and family and community stakeholder
31 organizations;
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- 33 (4) Development of a common set of general practices
34 across the Department of Education to ensure that
35 families and schools have consistent expectations by
36 which to interact and communicate effectively;
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- 38 (5) Coordination of resources and training for families
39 and schools to support family-school partnerships'
40 effective utilization of training teams that model the
41 family-school partnership concept through inclusion of
42 school, family, and community members; and
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1 (6) Improvement of the effectiveness of the School Quality
 2 Survey for Parents as a measure of school
 3 accountability in improving family-school partnerships
 4 by making the survey available in multiple languages
 5 and adding demographic data to assess accurate
 6 representation for each school's unique population;
 7 now, therefore,

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 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
 10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
 11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education
 12 and Department of Education are requested to continue to
 13 collaborate with family and community organizations to
 14 establish, implement, and monitor statewide policy
 15 recommendations for family engagement in Hawaii's public
 16 schools; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and
 19 Department of Education are requested to take the necessary
 20 actions described above to fulfill the legislative intent of
 21 S.C.R. 145 and S.C.R. 79; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and
 24 Department of Education are requested to report their findings
 25 and recommendations regarding the facilitation of family-school
 26 partnerships, including any proposed legislation and the status
 27 of the actions described above to fulfill the legislative intent
 28 of S.C.R. 145 and S.C.R. 79, to the Legislature no later than
 29 twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2014; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 33 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.

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