
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PARTNER WITH PRIVATE
BUSINESSES TO DEVELOP AN ART OUTLET PROGRAM THAT WILL
DECREASE VANDALISM IN NEIGHBORHOODS.

1 WHEREAS, vandalism is a costly problem that can lead to
2 blight in neighborhoods and results in destruction and
3 defacement of cultural landmarks and public and private
4 property; and

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6 WHEREAS, considered vandalism by some, and a welcome form
7 of art by others, graffiti is often used as a vehicle for self-
8 expression by many in our community, particularly youth; and

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10 WHEREAS, organizations such as Pow Wow Hawaii and Youth Art
11 Works, that have designated public spaces where graffiti and
12 mural art are allowed, have proven that providing space, time,
13 and materials for young artists to express themselves is an
14 effective way to reduce illegal acts of vandalism; and

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16 WHEREAS, a similar program may be developed under the
17 Department of Education that encourages students to develop
18 their artistic talents in an appropriate setting; and

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20 WHEREAS, private businesses may also benefit greatly from
21 this type of program, as it may help reduce property damage from
22 acts of vandalism by redirecting social energy into a more
23 constructive and suitable environment; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
28 Education is urged to partner with private businesses to develop
29 an art outlet program that will decrease vandalism in



1 neighborhoods and encourage healthy artistic expression within
2 the community; and

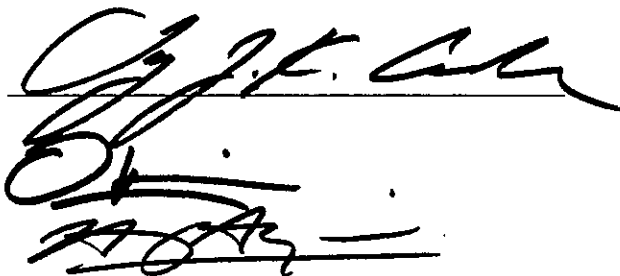
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
5 encouraged to partner with private businesses to obtain the
6 resources for art materials as may be necessary for the program
7 including paper, paints, brushes, pens, pencils, canvasses,
8 chalk, and stencils; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
11 encouraged to provide the venues and settings for students to
12 participate in group and individual art projects; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
15 urged to locate and sponsor guest artists and art mentors to
16 provide guidance and leadership to student artists who might
17 otherwise be involved in vandalism and other acts of property
18 damage and destruction; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
22 Education and the Executive Director of the Hawaii State
23 Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

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OFFERED BY: 

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