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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ORGANIZE AND
COORDINATE OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH
TWELFTH GRADE AND IDENTIFY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
CURRENT AND FUTURE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OUT-OF-SCHOOL
PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, approximately seventy-four percent of all children
2 in Hawaii are raised by working families; and
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4 WHEREAS, approximately 4,645 children in Hawaii are
5 homeless and can benefit from a safe, structured out-of-school
6 environment; and
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8 WHEREAS, the purpose of out-of-school programs is to
9 provide quality care and a quality learning experience while
10 preventing Hawaii's youth from engaging in risky behaviors that
11 may lead to tobacco, alcohol, or drug use or teen pregnancy and
12 often result in youth dropping out of school or not being
13 prepared to enter the workforce; and
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15 WHEREAS, many out-of-school programs offered by community
16 organizations are expensive and often inaccessible due to the
17 high demand for services driven by lack of out-of-school
18 programming throughout the State; and
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the second most expensive state for
21 before and after school child care, with the average annual cost
22 reaching \$8,900 in 2012; and
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24 WHEREAS, thirty-nine percent of all Hawaii children who are
25 not enrolled in an out-of-school program would be likely to
26 participate in a program if one were available in the community,
27 regardless of their current child care arrangement; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has been recognized by Afterschool Alliance
2 as one of the top ten states for providing out-of-school
3 programs; and

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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii has set a standard for providing excellent
6 out-of-school care by decreasing the percentage of children
7 providing self-care from thirty-three percent in 2009 to
8 seventeen percent in 2014; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Education established the
11 successful After-School Plus Program in 1990, implemented a
12 statewide high school junior varsity and varsity athletics
13 program for ninth through twelfth graders, piloted two middle
14 and intermediate school athletics programs at the Nanakuli-
15 Waianae and Kau-Keeau-Pau Complex Areas, and implemented career
16 and technical education programs that provide high school
17 students opportunities to acquire practical skills through the
18 application of academic understanding and hands-on experience;
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21 WHEREAS, the State has a responsibility to provide its
22 youth with a variety of educational out-of-school activities
23 that build character and self-esteem; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
28 Education is requested to work with the Department of Health,
29 Department of Human Services, University of Hawaii, nonprofit
30 organizations, and community-based organizations to identify
31 out-of-school programs offered throughout the State, including
32 programs that are listed in the Hawaii Community Foundation's
33 "Analysis of the Fiscal Resources Supporting At-Risk Youth, Ages
34 13-24, in Hawaii" (February 2012), organize and coordinate out-
35 of-school programs for kindergarten through twelfth grade, and
36 identify funding opportunities for current and future Department
37 of Education out-of-school programs; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
40 requested to determine the cost of these out-of-school programs
41 for middle and intermediate schools and the cost of maintaining



1 out-of-school programs for kindergarten through twelfth grade;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
5 requested to identify and acquire funding through federal funds
6 dedicated to disadvantaged communities, grants, revenue-
7 generating opportunities, and by determining user fees
8 associated with out-of-school programs; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
11 requested to consider seeking future funding for current and
12 future out-of-school programs for kindergarten through twelfth
13 grade through tobacco, cigarette, and alcohol tax increases to
14 be established as a dedicated funding stream for out-of-school
15 programs; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that out-of-school programs offered
18 through the Department of Education be known as Hawaii 3 to 6
19 programs; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
22 requested to administer Hawaii 3 to 6 programs and to make all
23 public school campuses eligible to receive funding for Hawaii 3
24 to 6 programs; provided that in the event of insufficient
25 funding, priority be given to high poverty elementary, middle,
26 intermediate, and high schools and programs that meet specified
27 quality standards; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
31 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of
32 Education, Executive Director of the State Public Charter School
33 Commission, and Chairperson of the State Public Charter School
34 Commission.


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