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SENATE 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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29 WHEREAS, Hawaii has been recognized by Afterschool Alliance
30 as one of the top ten states for providing out-of-school
31 programs; and



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

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

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

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
36 requested to determine the cost of these out-of-school programs
37 for middle and intermediate schools and the cost of maintaining
38 out-of-school programs for kindergarten through twelfth grade;
39 and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
42 requested to identify and acquire funding through federal funds



1 dedicated to disadvantaged communities, grants, revenue-
2 generating opportunities, and by determining user fees
3 associated with out-of-school programs; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
6 requested to consider seeking future funding for current and
7 future out-of-school programs for kindergarten through twelfth
8 grade through tobacco, cigarette, and alcohol tax increases to
9 be established as a dedicated funding stream for out-of-school
10 programs; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that out-of-school programs offered
13 through the Department of Education be known as Hawaii 3 to 6
14 programs; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
17 requested to administer Hawaii 3 to 6 programs and to make all
18 public school campuses eligible to receive funding for Hawaii 3
19 to 6 programs; provided that in the event of insufficient
20 funding, priority be given to high poverty elementary, middle,
21 intermediate, and high schools and programs that meet specified
22 quality standards; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
26 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Executive
27 Director of the State Public Charter School Commission, and
28 Chairperson of the State Public Charter School Commission.
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