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

WHEREAS, the Department of Education established the successful After-School Plus Program in 1990, implemented a statewide high school junior varsity and varsity athletics program for ninth through twelfth graders, piloted two middle and intermediate school athletics programs at the Nanakuli-Waianae and Kau-Keeau-Pau Complex Areas, and implemented career and technical education programs that provide high school students opportunities to acquire practical skills through the application of academic understanding and hands-on experience; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's children continue to be the beneficiaries of the Department of Education's relationship with statewide child care providers and all out-of-school program providers, and information gathered about out-of-school programs would allow for better review and collaboration of all out-of-school programs; and

WHEREAS, the State has a responsibility to provide its youth with a variety of educational out-of-school activities that build character and self-esteem; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, that the Department of Education is requested to work with the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, University of Hawaii, nonprofit organizations, and community-based organizations to identify out-of-school programs offered throughout the State, including programs that are listed in the Hawaii Community Foundation's "Analysis of the Fiscal Resources Supporting At-Risk Youth, Ages 13-24, in Hawaii" (February 2012), 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; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
 2 requested to determine the cost of these out-of-school programs  
 3 for middle and intermediate schools and the cost of maintaining  
 4 out-of-school programs for kindergarten through twelfth grade;  
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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
 8 requested to identify and acquire funding through federal funds  
 9 dedicated to disadvantaged communities, grants, revenue-  
 10 generating opportunities, and by determining user fees  
 11 associated with out-of-school programs; and

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

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

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

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