
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC
DEADLINE FOR EVALUATING CONCUSSED STUDENTS' NEED FOR
CLASSROOM LEARNING ACCOMMODATIONS AND A TIMELINE FOR A
CONCUSSION EVALUATION TO OCCUR.

1 WHEREAS, Act 197, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, called
2 attention to traumatic brain injuries in student athletes and
3 recognized the need for standardized concussion awareness
4 education and protocols for treating concussed student athletes
5 across the State; and
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7 WHEREAS, Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, amended Act
8 197 to expand the statewide concussion education program in
9 significant ways, in particular, by recognizing the importance
10 of accommodating concussed students' reduced cognitive abilities
11 through classroom learning adjustments; and
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13 WHEREAS, Department of Education high schools rely on
14 athletic health care trainers to initiate the evaluation process
15 for a concussed student's needs for classroom learning
16 accommodations; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has instituted its own
19 concussion management program based on prevailing national
20 standards for athletic trainers and concussion guidelines; and
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22 WHEREAS, neither the Department of Education's current
23 concussion management procedures nor Hawaii's concussion law
24 appear to address a specific deadline for school personnel to
25 commence evaluation of a concussed student's need for classroom
26 learning accommodations; and
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28 WHEREAS, neither the Department of Education's current
29 concussion management procedures nor Hawaii's concussion law



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1 appear to establish a timeline for a concussion evaluation to
2 follow; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
7 is requested to establish:

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9 (1) A specific deadline by which athletic health care
10 trainers evaluations must commence; and

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12 (2) A timeline for a concussion evaluation to follow; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specific timeframe and
15 timeline is requested to be established through an internal
16 Board of Education policy or the administrative rulemaking
17 process pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
21 Board of Education, the Dean of the University of Hawaii College
22 of Education, and the Executive Director of the Hawaii High
23 School Athletic Association.

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