
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CREATE GUIDELINES FOR
INCORPORATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION INTO THE
CURRICULUM OF HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

- 1 WHEREAS, climate change is a human created problem; and
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3 WHEREAS, hotter air increases evaporation and a warmer
4 atmosphere can hold more water and intensify weather; and
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6 WHEREAS, marine life is migrating to the north and south
7 poles due to warmer water, affecting local food sources and
8 economies, etc.; and
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10 WHEREAS, some coastal cities will flood due to sea level
11 rise; and
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13 WHEREAS, marine ecosystems will be negatively affected; and
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15 WHEREAS, higher temperatures will cause drought and fires;
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18 WHEREAS, use of fossil fuels creates CO2, endangering our
19 atmosphere; and
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21 WHEREAS, warmer waters will stress corals and allow
22 allergens to grow, killing coral; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Arctic Ocean will be ice-free before the mid-
25 century; and
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27 WHEREAS, climate change may allow for increased mosquito
28 breeding and increased disease; and
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30 WHEREAS, sea levels may rise one to three feet by 2100; and



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1 WHEREAS, rising sea levels due to climate change can cause
2 flooding and erosion along coastal areas; and

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4 WHEREAS, more droughts brought on by climate change will
5 reduce freshwater sources; and

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7 WHEREAS, Greenland has lost between 150 and 250 cubic
8 kilometers of snow and ice; and

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10 WHEREAS, the warming temperatures of oceans are causing
11 coral to bleach; and

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13 WHEREAS, the younger generations are experiencing the
14 effects of climate change, and education on the topic will
15 assist them in adapting, as well as encouraging them to think
16 about solutions; and

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18 WHEREAS, Act 286, passed in 2012, addresses the need for
19 climate change education; and

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21 WHEREAS, there are currently no guidelines for teachers
22 regarding the incorporation of climate change education into the
23 current curriculum; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2017, that the Board of Education is urged to create
28 guidelines for the incorporation of climate change education
29 into the curriculum of Hawaii's public schools; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
33 Education.

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