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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN FOR A PARCEL IN THE NĀNĀKULI-WAI'ANAE COMPLEX AREA THAT WOULD INCLUDE AN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER AND OTHER FEATURES.

1 WHEREAS, schools in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area have
2 consistently ranked among the lowest performing schools in the
3 State; and
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5 WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2013, the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex
6 area participated in the Zones of School Innovation project,
7 which aimed to improve "priority schools", the lowest-performing
8 schools in the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Zones of School Innovation project targeted
11 specific areas that served the largest population of native
12 Hawaiian and economically-disadvantaged students in the State;
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15 WHEREAS, seven out of ten students in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae
16 complex area are economically-disadvantaged and fall well below
17 the state and national averages for educational attainment; and
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19 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 2393 (Regular Session of 2018) requires
20 the Department of Education (Department) to establish a
21 comprehensive plan to establish alternative learning centers in
22 each school complex area in the State; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Department owns vacant lands situated between
25 Wai'anae High School and Wai'anae Boat Harbor, identified as tax
26 map key 850020110000; and
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28 WHEREAS, Department officials have expressed support for
29 creating a master plan for the aforementioned parcel, which
30 would feature an alternative learning center, storefront, marine
31 science learning center, pool, cultural learning park, and other
32 features; and
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1 WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae is, for the most part,
2 situated adjacent to the Department's parcel on state lands; and
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4 WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae started as a houseless
5 encampment and has become a non-profit organization; and
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7 WHEREAS, Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae has served and continues to
8 compassionately serve those facing a lack of adequate housing
9 and has gained the support of many, including the State
10 Legislature, which honored Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae leader, Twinkle
11 Borge, with a floor presentation in 2017; and
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13 WHEREAS, the State and other organizations continue to
14 assist Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae in its mission, and the Department's
15 master plan for its land is not intended to threaten Pu'uhonua o
16 Wai'anae, but rather to focus on the educational needs of
17 students in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area; and
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19 WHEREAS, the State constructed a halau wa'a (canoe house) on
20 the makai (ocean side) end of the aforementioned parcel, and the
21 non-profit E Ala Voyaging Academy holds a state lease for the
22 halau wa'a; and
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24 WHEREAS, E Ala Voyaging Academy is seeking to renew its
25 partnership with the Department in the near future and can play
26 a key role in attracting possible at-risk students who would
27 enroll in an alternative learning center; and
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29 WHEREAS, the State awarded funds to the non-profit Na Kama
30 Kai, which seeks to run an ocean education program at the
31 Herbert K. Pililaaui Army Recreation Center, located near the
32 aforementioned parcel; and
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34 WHEREAS, Na Kama Kai has participated in discussions with
35 Department officials regarding the need for an alternative
36 learning center in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area and a
37 possible collaboration between the Department and Na Kama Kai;
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40 WHEREAS, Na Kama Kai has partnered with the Department on
41 various ocean safety and education initiatives and seeks to



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1 continue and further broaden its partnership with the
2 Department; and


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4 WHEREAS, there are a variety of other organizations that
5 the Department or Superintendent of Education may identify who
6 can support the effort to establish an alternative learning
7 center; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
11 that the Department of Education is requested to create a master
12 plan for the parcel identified as tax map key 850020110000,
13 which would include an alternative learning center and may also
14 include a storefront, marine science learning center, pool,
15 cultural learning park, and other features; and


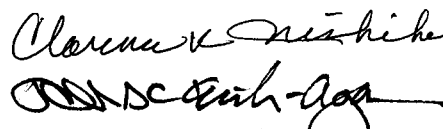
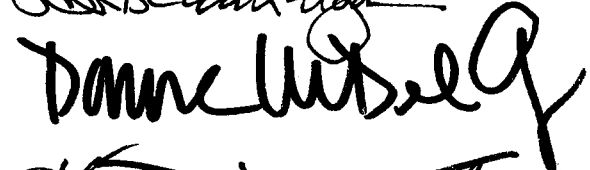

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
18 complete the construction of the alternative learning center and
19 other features for the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex area on the
20 aforementioned parcel of land by the 2023-2024 school year; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,
24 who, in turn, is requested to transmit a copy to any other
25 organization that the Superintendent or Department of Education
26 determines to be pertinent in supporting the creation of an
27 alternative learning center; Principal of Nānākuli High and
28 Intermediate School; Principal of Wai'anae Intermediate School;
29 Principal of Wai'anae High School; E Ala Voyaging Academy;
30 Herbert K. Pililaau Army Recreation Center; Chief Executive
31 Officer of Na Kama Kai; and Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae Village Leader.

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