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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COMPLEX AREA SUPERINTENDENTS OF BALDWIN-  
KEKAULIKE-MAUI AND HANA-LAHAINALUNA-LANAI-MOLOKAI COMPLEX  
AREAS TO LOOK AT THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF ALL SCHOOLS TO  
ADDRESS OVERCROWDING, THE NUMBER OF GEOGRAPHIC EXCEPTIONS,  
AND THE NUMBER OF HAWAIIAN IMMERSION STUDENTS ATTENDING  
OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT TO BETTER ALIGN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES  
AND ESTABLISH HAWAIIAN IMMERSION PROGRAMS IN OTHER  
DISTRICTS.

1           WHEREAS, there is a strong demand for Hawaiian language  
2 immersion programs among public school students and their  
3 families; and  
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5           WHEREAS, this demand often causes students and their  
6 families to seek geographic exceptions to attend such programs  
7 outside of their service area; and  
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9           WHEREAS, in August 2019 the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that  
10 the State's constitution requires the Department of Education to  
11 provide "reasonable access" to Hawaiian language immersion  
12 programs to public school students; and  
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14           WHEREAS, chapter 302A-1143, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
15 requires children to attend school in the service area they  
16 reside unless they are enrolled in a Hawaiian language medium  
17 education program or charter school, secure a geographic  
18 exception to attend school in another service area, or required  
19 by the department by federal law to attend school in an  
20 out-of-service area; and  
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22           WHEREAS, there is a compelling state interest in ensuring  
23 that the district boundaries of services areas are drawn to  
24 maximize the availability of Hawaiian language immersion  
25 programs for public school students; now, therefore,  
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# S.C.R. NO. 113

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
 3 Representatives concurring, that the Complex Area  
 4 Superintendents of the Baldwin-Kekaulike-Maui and Hana-  
 5 Lahainaluna-Lanai-Molokai complex areas look at the:

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- 7 (1) District boundaries of all schools to address
- 8 overcrowding;
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- 10 (2) Number of geographic exceptions; and
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- 12 (3) Number of Hawaiian immersion students attending
- 13 outside of district;
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15 to better align the district boundaries and establish Hawaiian  
 16 immersion programs in other districts; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
 20 Education and Complex Area Superintendents of Baldwin-Kekaulike-  
 21 Maui and Hana-Lahainaluna-Lanai-Molokai Complex Areas.

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