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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BROADEN THE CONTENT OF THE
SOCIAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM TO INCLUDE VARIOUS PRINCIPLES OF
DIVERSITY.

1 WHEREAS, teaching principles of diversity prepares students
2 to be global citizens by exposing them to different cultures and
3 social groups; and
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5 WHEREAS, exposure to principles of diversity allows
6 students to be prepared to work in settings and situations with
7 various groups of people; and
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9 WHEREAS, studies show that students feel safer in and out
10 of school when they receive an education that includes a variety
11 of diverse perspectives; and
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13 WHEREAS, learning about different social, ethnic, and
14 religious cultures allows students to become comfortable with
15 cultural differences across social groups and comfortable with
16 their own identity; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has made great strides
19 to include principles of diversity in its social science
20 curriculum to more accurately reflect the roles of women and
21 different racial and ethnic groups in society and throughout
22 history; and
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24 WHEREAS, being educated about diversity increases cultural
25 competence and reduces discriminatory stereotyping; and
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27 WHEREAS, our community as a whole will greatly benefit from
28 enhancing our cultural competence to include gender, sexual
29 orientation, and religion; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Department of Education's anchor standard
32 SS.9-12.5.1, highlights the importance for students to identify



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1 local, regional, and global problems and issues using
2 interdisciplinary lenses; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
5 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
6 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education is
7 urged to include social issues and historical perspectives of
8 gender identity, sexual orientation, and religious practices in
9 its social science curriculum; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
13 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of
14 Education.
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