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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROMOTE INCREASED
PARTICIPATION BY SCHOOLS IN THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, community resilience and prompt, effective
2 response to disasters and other civic emergencies is a priority
3 throughout the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a
6 federally-sponsored program that helps train people to be better
7 prepared to respond to emergency situations in their
8 communities; and
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10 WHEREAS, the CERT program is administered in Hawaii by the
11 counties; and
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13 WHEREAS, CERT training is freely provided by trained teams
14 of first responders, and includes training in disaster
15 preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic medical
16 operations, and light search and rescue operations; and
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18 WHEREAS, youths between fourteen and seventeen years of age
19 may attend CERT training with a parent or legal guardian; and
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21 WHEREAS, schools may arrange for CERT training for
22 students, and several high schools in Hawaii have participated
23 in the CERT program; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
28 Education is encouraged to promote increased participation by
29 schools in the Community Emergency Response Team Program; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the



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1 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of
 2 Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu,
 3 Director of the Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency, Emergency
 4 Management Officer of the County of Maui, and Fire Chief of the
 5 County of Kauai.

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