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## SENATE 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,  
27 that the Department of Education is encouraged to promote  
28 increased participation by schools in the Community Emergency  
29 Response Team Program; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
33 Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of Emergency  
34 Management of the City and County of Honolulu, Director of the



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