
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO
EVALUATE RECYCLING OPTIONS AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE
RECYCLING PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, each student throughout the State of Hawaii
2 produces approximately one half of a pound of waste each school
3 day; and
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5 WHEREAS, for every ton of paper that is recycled, seven
6 thousand gallons of water, three hundred eighty gallons of oil,
7 and enough electricity to power a house for six months is saved;
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10 WHEREAS, even recycling one aluminum can produces enough
11 energy to power a television for six hours; and
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13 WHEREAS, composting food or green waste to create mulch can
14 decrease the amounts schools spend on fertilizer for maintenance
15 of grounds and improves the life of plants; and
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17 WHEREAS, landfills in the State of Hawaii are approaching
18 or have already reached capacity; and
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20 WHEREAS, schools in the State of Hawaii use an estimated
21 thirty-one thousand cubic yards of landfill space every month at
22 a cost of six dollars per cubic yard or one hundred eighty-six
23 thousand dollars per month; and
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25 WHEREAS, the recycling of trash has the potential to:

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27 (1) Reduce the amount of space used by schools in
28 landfills, lowering schools' cost for disposing of
29 trash and creating revenue from recycling; and
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31 (2) Teach students the habit of recycling over the long
32 term; and



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 2 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Student Conference has determined
 3 that the Long Beach Unified School District located in Los
 4 Angeles, California expects to save three hundred ten thousand
 5 dollars per year by adopting a program for recycling solid
 6 waste, food waste, paper, aluminum, glass, plastic, and other
 7 materials; now, therefore,

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 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 11 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 12 Education is respectfully urged to create a task force to
 13 evaluate recycling options and develop a comprehensive recycling
 14 program for schools in the State of Hawaii; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
 17 submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the
 18 Legislature, Board of Education, and the Superintendent of
 19 Education by July 1, 2009; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 23 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Department of
 24 Education complex area superintendents and secondary principals,
 25 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii
 26 State Student Council, and school community council chairs.

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