
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE PONO PLUS
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, a well-rounded, enriched learning experience can
2 motivate students, spark their enthusiasm for learning, develop
3 special interests, foster individual artistic creativity, and
4 encourage scientific ingenuity; and

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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii's public school students spend each school
7 day focusing on the core curriculum, including the basic 3R's of
8 reading, writing, and arithmetic, as well as some science,
9 history, social studies, and computers; and

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11 WHEREAS, a proposed "Pono Plus(+) Program" during after
12 school hours could enrich the student learning experience by
13 offering a wide variety of courses, including visual, literary,
14 and performing arts, health and wellness, sports and fitness,
15 and physical sciences; and

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17 WHEREAS, such a program is envisioned as a collaborative
18 effort of public and private partnerships involving the
19 Department of Education, the State Foundation on Culture and the
20 Arts, the County Department of Parks and Recreation, sports
21 leagues, private schools of arts, crafts, music, dance, and
22 drama, and retired professionals from these arenas; and

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24 WHEREAS, the "Pono Plus(+) Program" promises to equip our
25 State's children with special knowledge and skills needed for a
26 bright future and to benefit individuals, families, and
27 ultimately communities; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2008, that the Department of Education is requested
32 to study the benefits and costs to implement a "Pono Plus(+)



1 Program" in the public primary, intermediate, and secondary
 2 schools and to submit a report to the Legislature with findings
 3 and recommendations no later than twenty days prior to the
 4 convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 7 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
 8 the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

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