

## **RESOLUTION ON COMMON CORE AND COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION STANDARDS**

Whereas, Common Core State Standards (CCSS) were launched in 2009 and are a set of academic standards, promoted and supported primarily by two private membership organizations, the National Governor's Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) as a method for conforming American students to uniform ("one size fits all") achievement goals to make them more competitive in a global marketplace; and

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Education under President Obama has created a false market for the CCSS by implementing the Race to the Top program, a program that includes federally funded testing, the collection and sharing of personal student and teacher data, and removes educational choice and competition; and

Whereas, The Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE) adopted CCSS June 18, 2010 and began its implementation in school year 2012-2013 with grades K-2 and 11-12, and transitioned to full implementation in all grade levels in school year 2013-2014; and

Whereas, Instead of teaching critical thinking and problem solving, CCSS stress the lowest common denominator, punishes achievement, forces all students to conform to government standards, has been evaluated as mediocre at best, and is based on questionable educational philosophies; and

Whereas, CCSS math puts our keiki approximately one year behind their competitors by the end of elementary school and approximately two years behind our international competitors and high achieving countries by the end of High School; and

Whereas, The National Education Data Model allows for collection of 416 data points on each child including blood type, health insurance, family religion, bus stop time, family income, disabilities, health needs, gun in the home, alcohol consumption in the home, who helps with homework, do they feel lonely, etc. Parents must have the option to opt their children out of personal data collection, storage and dissemination programs; and

Whereas, CCSS's Making Proud Choices sexualizes school children by pushing a sexual rights ideology using the National Sexuality Education Standards which promotes the institutionalization of comprehensive sex education which is often medically inaccurate, age inappropriate, pornographic in nature, and normalizes risky sexual behaviors; and

Whereas, The BOE recently introduced Pono Choices curriculum, a derivative of CCSS Proud Choices – that is contrary to Hawai'i state laws and policies regarding abstinence-based sexual education; is medically inaccurate regarding basic human anatomy; is not age-appropriate for its intended students; fails to fully inform parents about the controversial aspects of the curriculum; is a top-down, federally-dictated program and not an organic, community-developed curriculum; normalizes anal sex, while failing to warn students of the extreme dangers of anal sex, even when condoms are used; and fails to educate students on the stages of human reproduction; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Hawai'i Republican Party in convention at Honolulu, HI on May 17, 2014 does not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and supports providing broad education choices to parents and children, developed at the State and local level, which is best based on a free market approach to education for students to achieve individual excellence; and

*Resolved*, That the Hawai'i Republican Party recognizes the CCSS for what it is – an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so they will conform to a preconceived "normal;" and

*Resolved*, That the Hawai'i Republican Party supports the DOE/BOE in creating its own set of educational goals and standards subject to school, community, and parental based management; formulate its own standards for measuring the efforts of each participating school toward achieving those goals each year in accordance with Hawaii Revised Status 302A-1125, in replacing CCSS; and

*Resolved*, That Republicans urge the DOE/BOE to stop teaching Pono Choices (aka Making Proud Choices) and implement an abstinence based program known as "Sexual Risk Avoidance" to provide a viable alternative to the present comprehensive based sexual education programs; and

*Resolved*, That no student will be penalized for opting out of assessment tests; and

*Resolved*, That all data retained on a student shall be made available to parents upon request without hesitation and at no cost, and all restrictions designated by parents regarding collection, retention, and distribution of the student data will be honored by the schools and BOE; and, be it finally

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be posted on the Hawai'i Republican Party website, be distributed to Republican members of Congress, Hawai'i elected officials, the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and media for public dissemination.