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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL  
TEACHERS ACCESS TO A DEBIT CARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF THEIR  
ALLOTTED CLASSROOM SUPPLIES.

1           WHEREAS, a shortage of school supplies for Hawaii's public  
2 school classrooms and a shortage of funds to purchase these  
3 supplies has been an ongoing problem for many years; and  
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5           WHEREAS, a purchasing system to address this problem must  
6 be concentrated at the classroom level, where the process can be  
7 streamlined to eliminate time lags and reimbursement to teachers  
8 for out-of-pocket expenses and also provide them with the  
9 flexibility to take advantage of discounts and sales; and  
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11           WHEREAS, an efficient purchasing system must also be  
12 capable of providing up-to-date information on the status of a  
13 teacher's allotted funds for classroom supplies; and  
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15           WHEREAS, it would benefit students and teachers if a  
16 similar system were in place at the Department of Education,  
17 where teachers would be allowed to expend their allotted  
18 classroom supply funds through a debit card; now, therefore,  
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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
22 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education  
23 is urged to allow public school teachers access to a state-  
24 issued debit card for purchases of classroom supplies; and  
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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education  
27 create policies and procedures and completely implement the  
28 debit card program for all teachers no later than the start of  
29 the 2007-2008 school year; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
 3 Education.  
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