
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO SUPPORT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THE NATION'S
PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING EDUCATION
FUNDING.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has long pursued the goal of
2 improving the academic performance of all students regardless of
3 race, income, ethnicity, or disability; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii commends the President and the
6 United States Congress for putting forth the same goals in the
7 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and emphasizing the
8 urgency in improving the performance of all students; and
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10 WHEREAS, the NCLB has encouraged necessary changes in
11 public education and was initially accompanied with substantial
12 increases in federal funding for public elementary and secondary
13 education; and
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15 WHEREAS, however, the increases in federal funding since
16 the inaugural year of the NCLB have been minimal; and
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18 WHEREAS, the federal government has decreased funding in
19 fiscal year 2006 by:

20 (1) \$793,000,000 for the NCLB;

21 (2) \$166,000,000 for post secondary education; and
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23 (3) \$21,000,000 for programs that serve students with
24 disabilities;
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28 now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges the
 4 President of the United States and the United States Congress to
 5 support improving the quality of the nation's public schools by
 6 substantially increasing funding for the No Child Left Behind
 7 Act, Higher Education Act, Individuals with Disabilities
 8 Education Act, and other education-related programs; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii encourages
 11 other states to adopt similar resolutions; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to President of the United
 15 States, President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the
 16 United States House of Representatives, Secretary of the United
 17 States Department of Education, and each member of Hawaii's
 18 Congressional delegation.
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