
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Education is urged to allow
23 public school teachers access to a state-issued debit card for
24 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 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education.
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