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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT CHANGES TO THE NO
CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001.

1 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures
2 created a special task force (Task Force) that spent ten months
3 conducting a comprehensive, bipartisan review of the No Child
4 Left Behind Act of 2001; and

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6 WHEREAS, this review identified a number of changes that
7 must be made to the No Child Left Behind Act for it to become a
8 positive impetus to school improvement and ensure that young
9 people will learn at their full potential; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Task Force drafted forty-three recommendations
12 outlining these necessary changes to provide useful, workable
13 requirements for schools, many of which could be easily
14 incorporated into the No Child Left Behind Act; and

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16 WHEREAS, the four key Task Force recommendations include:
17 (1) removing obstacles that block state education innovations
18 and undermine programs that were succeeding prior to the passage
19 of the No Child Left Behind Act; (2) providing the federal
20 financial assistance necessary for states to meet No Child Left
21 Behind Act classroom goals; (3) removing the "one-size-fits-all"
22 student performance measurements in favor of more sophisticated
23 systems that measure progress on an individualized basis; and
24 (4) recognizing that individual schools face special challenges,
25 and that significant differences exist between rural and urban
26 schools; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii State
31 Legislature strongly urges the Congress of the United States to
32 support the worthwhile recommendations of the National
33 Conference of State Legislatures special task force on revisions
34 to the No Child Left Behind Act; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 3 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
 4 Representatives, and Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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