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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EVALUATE THE AIR COOLING NEEDS OF EACH SCHOOL COMPLEX AND TO REVIEW THE FEASIBILITY OF USING ALTERNATIVE AIR COOLING METHODS SUCH AS FANS, HEAT REDUCTION, INSULATION, AND ENERGY EFFICIENT INDIVIDUAL AIR CONDITIONING WALL UNITS.

1           WHEREAS, students need to have the most comfortable  
2 environment that is conducive to learning in order to achieve  
3 the educational standards set for them; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that a physical learning  
6 environment that is free of unnecessary distractions from heat  
7 or outside noise is crucial to student learning; and  
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9           WHEREAS, given Hawaii's tropical environment and heat, many  
10 classrooms need to be equipped with air conditioning or  
11 alternative air cooling methods; and  
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13           WHEREAS, despite a tremendous backlog of repair and  
14 maintenance items and the need for new schools and facilities,  
15 it is important to include air conditioning costs as part of a  
16 comprehensive priority list of critical budget items for the  
17 Department of Education; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the Department of Education has projected that the  
20 provision of necessary air conditioning to each school and  
21 school complex will cost \$1,000,000,000 over the next five  
22 years; now, therefore,  
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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
27 Education is requested to evaluate various alternative air  
28 cooling methods such as fans, heat reduction, insulation, and  
29 energy efficient individual air conditioning wall units for  
30 schools; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the evaluation, the  
2 Department is requested to include information on utility and  
3 maintenance costs for the proposed air cooling methods, and  
4 information on any electrical upgrades that may be necessary for  
5 the various cooling alternatives; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
8 requested to submit a status report of its findings and  
9 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
10 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007, and a  
11 final report no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
12 the Regular Session of 2008; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the evaluation be used to  
15 develop a strategic plan for air cooling methods in public  
16 schools; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
20 Education and the Chair of the Board of Education.

