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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT TWO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PRIORITY LISTS GOING FORWARD TO CORRECT ANY UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING TO NEWER SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, many school districts including Hawaii are
2 undertaking major development to build new, and renovate
3 existing, educational facilities to accommodate new population
4 growth, aging facilities, and population displacement; and
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6 WHEREAS, the need for capital improvement projects must
7 compete with other necessities for limited state resources,
8 including the large school repair and maintenance backlog; and
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10 WHEREAS, the determination by which projects receive
11 funding is presently based on the Department of Education's
12 Hawaii Capital Improvement Project Priority System matrix which,
13 for the most part, assigns the highest priority to projects
14 based first on serious health and safety concerns, then
15 classroom construction and support facilities projects, and
16 finally, to state and district facilities projects; and
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18 WHEREAS, the age of facilities should also be a required
19 key indicator for maintenance, repair, renovation, and
20 construction since aging facilities experience more wear and
21 tear, begin to break down, and end up requiring progressively
22 more maintenance and resources to keep them operational, making
23 them increasingly uneconomical to maintain; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that, going forward, the
28 Department of Education is urged to develop and implement two
29 capital improvement project priority lists, one which addresses
30 the needs of schools twenty-five years and older, and the other
31 which addresses the needs of schools less than twenty-five years



1 old, to correct any unfair distribution of funding in favor of
2 newer schools; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Superintendent of
Education and the Chair of the Board of Education.

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