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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINE A SET OF BENCHMARK INDICATORS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 51.

1 WHEREAS, implementation of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii  
2 2004, has resulted in the alteration of many different parts of  
3 our educational system; and

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5 WHEREAS, the State's educational agencies, parents,  
6 students, advocates, stakeholders, the Legislature, and the  
7 Executive branch must understand how the educational system is  
8 faring before we can collectively implement changes that both  
9 bolster the positive and address the negative aspects of the  
10 system; and

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12 WHEREAS, implementation of Act 51 has, in part, influenced  
13 schools to re-prioritize and alter the focus and availability of  
14 curricula, which has included the reduction or elimination of  
15 programs in music, art, and other forms of student enrichment;  
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18 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to be  
19 proactive and lay the foundation for future requirements to  
20 evaluate as much as possible the impact on schools and student  
21 performance that may be attributed to Act 51; and

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23 WHEREAS, it is sound educational and business practice to  
24 establish and maintain a well-designed, integrated data  
25 warehouse that stores and secures student, school, staffing, and  
26 fiscal information at the school, complex, complex area, and  
27 state levels; and

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29 WHEREAS, it has been decades since significant upgrades  
30 have been instituted to address the limits of the department's  
31 mainframe and VAX data processing capacity, while nationally,  
32 federal and other state agencies have been investing in  
33 improvements to the collection and management of education data



1 to better support standards, instruction, assessment, and  
2 accountability; and

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4 WHEREAS, it is sound educational policy to monitor school  
5 programs and track student performance over time to determine  
6 whether Hawaii students are progressing or maintaining prior  
7 levels of academic excellence; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
12 Education is requested to determine a working set of benchmark  
13 indicators to evaluate pre-Act 51 and post-Act 51 student  
14 achievement over time, including a data collection, resource  
15 utilization, and management plan; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this set of indicators shall be  
18 determined appropriately by system, complex, school, grade  
19 level, and other appropriate classification; and

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

