
SENATE 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 caused schools to
13 eliminate or reduce programs in music, art, and other forms of
14 student enrichment; and

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16 WHEREAS, it will now be necessary to track student
17 achievement over time through awards and other measures to
18 determine whether Hawaii students have been able to maintain
19 prior levels of excellence; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
23 that the Department of Education is requested to determine a set
24 of benchmark scores or indicators to evaluate post-Act 51
25 student achievement over time; and

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

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this



1 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,
2 and the Chair of the Board of Education.
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