
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, 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
34 to better support standards, instruction, assessment, and
35 accountability; and



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

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

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

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

