
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CLARIFY THE
PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH STUDENTS MAY TAKE ONLINE CLASSES
FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION FOR CREDIT TOWARD DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, distance education is a means by which students
2 may take challenging academic courses from their homes or
3 schools by interacting online with an instructor and other
4 students in a web-based forum; and
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6 WHEREAS, earning credits at accredited institutions on the
7 mainland and in other countries is another method through which
8 Hawaii students may gain valuable learning experiences; and
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10 WHEREAS, absent from the Department of Education's web page
11 is information on how students may take advantage of distance
12 education opportunities to earn Department of Education credit;
13 now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
17 that the Department of Education is requested to include on its
18 web site information regarding distance learning options for
19 students to earn Department of Education credit;
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
22 requested to specify on its web site the procedures through
23 which students may access distance education opportunities for
24 credit, including an outline of the administrative procedures
25 necessary for credit approval; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
28 requested to report to the Legislature its progress in complying
29 with this Resolution at least twenty days before the convening
30 of the Regular Session of 2007; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
3 the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

