

---

---

# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE STATES WITH THE NECESSARY FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE GOALS OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001 AND OTHER EDUCATION-RELATED PROGRAMS AND TO OFFER STATES WAIVERS OR EXEMPTIONS FROM RELATED REGULATIONS WHEN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IS DECREASED.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has long pursued the goal of  
2 improving the academic performance of all students, especially  
3 those of minority racial and ethnic backgrounds, lower economic  
4 status, and limited English proficiency, and those with learning  
5 disabilities or challenges; and

6  
7           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, therefore, applauds the  
8 President of the United States and Congress for setting the same  
9 goals in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and emphasizing  
10 the urgency in closing the achievement gaps for these students;  
11 and

12  
13           WHEREAS, the No Child Left Behind Act has encouraged some  
14 needed changes in public education and was initially accompanied  
15 by relatively large increases in federal funding for public  
16 elementary and secondary education; and

17  
18           WHEREAS, the increases in federal funding since the first  
19 year of implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act have been  
20 minimal and insufficient to meet its requirements; and

21  
22           WHEREAS, the federal government has decreased funding for  
23 programs implementing the No Child Left Behind Act in fiscal  
24 year 2006 by almost \$800,000,000, and for overall public  
25 education by \$606,000,000, including cuts of more than  
26 \$165,000,000 from postsecondary education and over \$20,000,000  
27 from programs for students with disabilities; now, therefore,

28  
29           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
31 that the Hawaii Legislature urges the President of the United  
32 States and United States Congress to make a serious commitment



# S.R. NO. 60

1 to improving the quality of the nation's public schools by  
 2 substantially increasing its funding for implementation of the  
 3 No Child Left Behind Act, the Higher Education Act, the  
 4 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and other  
 5 education-related programs; and

6  
 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii requests  
 8 that in any year that federal funding for public elementary and  
 9 secondary education is decreased, the President, United States  
 10 Congress, and the United States Department of Education create  
 11 flexibility in No Child Left Behind Act requirements through the  
 12 use of state waivers, exemptions, or other mechanisms; and

13  
 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 15 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
 16 the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the  
 17 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
 18 United States Secretary of Education, and Hawaii's congressional  
 19 delegation.

20  
 21  
 22

OFFERED BY: Norman S. Sampaio  
Guy L. Hoar  
Clarence W. Iwihikawa  
A. S. I.  
Erzanne Chun Oakland  
Ronald de Bob  
Bernice S. Kohler  
Andi Y. Lee  
Anne Mercado K.

