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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is responsible for administering its own capital improvement projects pursuant to Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, known as the "Reinventing Education Act of 2004"; and

WHEREAS, chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the Hawaii public procurement code, provides for a competitive sealed bid process under section 103D-302, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and a competitive sealed proposal process under section 302D-303, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the section 103D-302, Hawaii Revised Statutes, process provides for criteria for the award to be set out in the invitation for bids by the government agency making the procurement; and

WHEREAS, the section 103D-303, Hawaii Revised Statutes, process, known as the request for proposals process, provides for the government agency making the procurement to similarly set out the evaluation factors in making the award; and

WHEREAS, "experiential learning opportunity" means any learning opportunity that allows the learner to obtain information and learn practical skills that are necessary to perform in the workplace and provides significant experiences with real outcomes that create measurable learning achievements through participation and reflection; and

WHEREAS, work on public school and other capital improvement projects provide an excellent forum for providing experiential learning opportunity for students, including

students in the construction academies, by the contractor who is awarded the project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the Department of Accounting and General Services should include an experiential learning opportunity requirement in sealed bid criteria and in the evaluation factors for competitive sealed proposals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education and the Department of Accounting and General Services are encouraged to provide experiential learning opportunities for students by including an experiential learning opportunity requirement in sealed bid criteria and in the evaluation factors for requests for proposals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and the Department of Accounting and General Services each report on its progress in regard to the request made by this Concurrent Resolution to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, and the State Comptroller.