
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FORM A TASK FORCE TO
STUDY THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR
MILITARY CHILDREN AND RELATED ISSUES AND TO RECOMMEND THE
STATE'S MOST APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION RELATING TO THE
INTERSTATE COMPACT.

1 WHEREAS, due to frequent moves and deployment, military
2 personnel and their families face numerous barriers in ensuring
3 the educational success of their children; and
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5 WHEREAS, moving and changing schools can be very difficult
6 for children in military families and is often exacerbated by
7 the fact that educational requirements can vary greatly across
8 states, school districts, and individual schools; and
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10 WHEREAS, it is vital to find methods to smooth transitions
11 between schools for military children to help ensure that they
12 receive an appropriate education; and
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14 WHEREAS, several states are currently considering
15 legislation for the enactment of the Interstate Compact on
16 Educational Opportunity for Military Children to facilitate the
17 educational success of children in military families; and
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19 WHEREAS, prior to adoption of the Compact, the State should
20 closely examine several issues, including the Compact's
21 provisions, the Department of Education's current practices
22 related to handling the educational requirements for military
23 children, and other states' practices in handling education
24 issues relating to military children; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
29 Education is requested to establish a task force to study the



1 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military
2 Children and related issues in order to determine the
3 appropriate approach for the State; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in establishing the task force,
6 the Department of Education is requested to include:

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8 (1) Two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the
9 President of the Senate;
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11 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives, to be
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives;
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15 (3) Two members to be appointed by the Governor, at least
16 one of which is requested to be a member of the Hawaii
17 National Guard;
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19 (4) Two members to be appointed by the Superintendent of
20 Education;
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22 (5) The Chairperson of the Board of Education, or the
23 Chairperson's designee;
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25 (6) One representative from The Chamber of Commerce of
26 Hawaii Military Affairs Council; and
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28 (7) One representative from the Joint Venture Education
29 Forum; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
32 select a chairperson from its membership; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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36 (1) Review and analyze the provisions of the Interstate
37 Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military
38 Children;
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40 (2) Review and analyze the Department of Education's
41 current practices and procedures regarding issues
42 related to military children in public schools;
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- 1 (3) Determine which provisions of the Compact have been
2 implemented or are intended to be implemented by the
3 Department of Education;
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- 5 (4) Determine which provisions of the Compact are worthy
6 of implementation but may require time or resources;
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- 8 (5) Determine which provisions of the Compact are
9 unacceptable, and propose any amendments necessary;
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- 11 (6) Communicate with other state legislatures that have
12 adopted the Interstate Compact on Educational
13 Opportunity for Military Children or are contemplating
14 action; and
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- 16 (7) Recommend changes to the Department of Education's
17 current practices and procedures to improve services
18 provided to military children in public schools,
19 particularly those necessary to ensure smooth
20 transitions between schools and equal access to
21 educational opportunities despite movement; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
24 make a good faith effort to make its proceedings and work
25 products accessible and available to the general public; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force are
28 requested to serve without compensation except that the
29 Department of Education is requested to reimburse members of the
30 task force for any expenses, including travel expenses,
31 necessary for the performance of their duties; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Educational Policy
34 Center is requested to provide administrative support and to
35 assist the task force in preparing its report and proposed
36 legislation; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
39 submit a report of findings and recommendations, including any
40 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
41 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the
4 Senate, the Adjutant General, the Chairperson of the Military
5 Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the
6 Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of
7 Education, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Venture Education Forum,
8 and the Director of the Hawaii Educational Policy Center.

