
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TO USE A DEBIT CARD SYSTEM FOR PURCHASING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND OTHER RELATED CURRICULUM SUPPORT SUPPLIES.

1 WHEREAS, our public schools have long faced a shortage of
2 and inadequate funding for school supplies; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that providing purchasing
5 power at the classroom level will help address the supplies
6 problem; and

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8 WHEREAS, debit card systems, by allowing teachers to make
9 specific purchases within a set dollar limit, would help to:

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11 (1) Streamline the process for purchasing school and
12 curriculum support supplies by shortening the wait
13 time between ordering and obtaining a product and by
14 eliminating the time lag for reimbursement of out-of-
15 pocket expenses; and
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17 (2) Provide teachers with flexibility for their purchases,
18 which would allow them to take advantage of school
19 discounts and sales in the community; and
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21 (3) Provide up-to-date spending information; and

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23 WHEREAS, banks are available to assist the Department of
24 Education to establish debit card system accounts at little or
25 no cost; now, therefore,

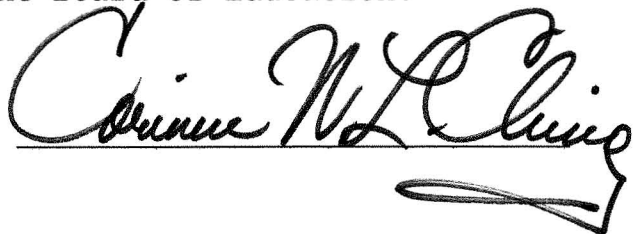
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
29 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
30 Education is requested to establish a pilot program under which

1 a principal from each participating public school may establish
2 and use a debit card system for the purpose of purchasing school
3 supplies and other related curriculum support supplies by
4 teachers; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Department of Education is
7 requested to form a group consisting of one representative from
8 the Department, one representative from the Hawaii State
9 Teachers Association, and one public intermediate school teacher
10 for the purpose of selecting three intermediate schools to
11 participate in the pilot program; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
15 Education and the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

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