
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION REQUIRING FULL FUNDING OF
THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 AND THE
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.

1 WHEREAS, children are our nation's future and greatest
2 treasure; and
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4 WHEREAS, high-quality education is the surest way for every
5 child to reach his or her full potential; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
8 (ESEA), re-authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
9 (NCLB) was the most sweeping revision of education policy in a
10 generation; and
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12 WHEREAS, despite the financial obligations that accompany
13 implementation of the widespread changes required by NCLB, the
14 measure was funded with only \$23,510,000,000, \$13,360,000,000
15 short of its 2006 authorized level, and resulting in 3,100,000
16 students not receiving the Title I help they were promised; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
19 (IDEA) guarantees children with disabilities a free and
20 appropriate public education; and
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22 WHEREAS, although IDEA required Congress to provide 40
23 percent of the national current average per pupil expenditure
24 for special education students, the measure was only funded with
25 \$10,700,000,000 in state grants, or only 18 percent; and
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27 WHEREAS, state and local budgets have been forced to absorb
28 the funding shortfalls resulting from these partially-funded
29 mandates; and
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1 WHEREAS, in 2007, the 110th Congress introduced the Keep Our
 2 Promise to America's Children and Teachers Act (H.R. 627) to
 3 require full funding of ESEA and IDEA, but the measure did not
 4 pass; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 8 Session of 2008, that Congress is urged to pass legislation
 9 requiring full funding of the Elementary and Secondary Education
 10 Act of 1965 and the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act,
 11 as provided by in H.R. 627; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional Delegation,
 15 the Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the
 16 Superintendent of Education.

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