
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM DESIGNATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF MORE COMPUTERS WITH INTERNET ACCESS.

1 WHEREAS, the national ratio of computers with Internet
2 access to student is nearly half the computers with internet
3 access to student ratio recommended by the President's Committee
4 of Advisors of Science and Technology; and

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6 WHEREAS, while Hawaii has received nearly \$14 million in
7 federal funding aimed at improving school technology, the state
8 still has one of the worst computers to student ratios in the
9 nation; and

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11 WHEREAS, with .21 computers per student, Hawaii is 43rd
12 among the 50 states in providing access to instructional
13 computers; and

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15 WHEREAS, the United States is expected to allow 50,000
16 foreign information technology workers into the country in 2006
17 because the domestic technology labor pool remains
18 underdeveloped; and

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20 WHEREAS, 73.7% of jobs currently require basic computer
21 skills; and

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23 WHEREAS, basic preparatory skills required for competency
24 in future jobs are best learned at an early age; and

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26 WHEREAS, a high computers with Internet access to student
27 ratio can greatly enhance elementary, middle, and high school
28 learning experiences through the use of online resources which
29 may not be available in textbooks; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 3 Session of 2008, that funds be appropriated to the Hawaii State
 4 public school system this year, designated specifically for the
 5 purchase of more computers with Internet access in order to
 6 bring the computers to student ratio closer to that recommended
 7 by the President's Committee of Advisors of Science and
 8 Technology; and

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 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of
 12 Hawaii, the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education,
 13 and all secondary school principals.

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