
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXAMINE THE POLICIES,
PHILOSOPHIES, AND APPROACHES OF THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
WITH REGARDS TO TEACHERS, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION AND TO
ADOPT, WHERE APPROPRIATE AND APPLICABLE, SUCCESSFUL
STRATEGIES TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCE FOR THE CHILDREN OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the highest per capita rates of
2 students that attend independent schools; and
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4 WHEREAS, many of the independent schools have policies,
5 philosophies, and approaches with regards to teachers, staff,
6 and administration, that differ from the Department of
7 Education; and
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9 WHEREAS, over the years, complaints about the Department of
10 Education over numerous operational issues have been voiced by
11 teachers, staff, and administrators; and
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13 WHEREAS, similar complaints have not been voiced by
14 teachers of independent schools, despite the fact that some
15 independent schools pay their teachers less than the public
16 schools, and spend less per pupil than public schools; and
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18 WHEREAS, a thoughtful examination by the Department of
19 Education of those policies, philosophies, and approaches may
20 assist in improving the performance of the Department of
21 Education; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2008, that the Department of Education is urged to
26 examine the policies, philosophies, and approaches of
27 independent schools with regards to teachers, staff, and
28 administration, and, where appropriate and applicable, adopt

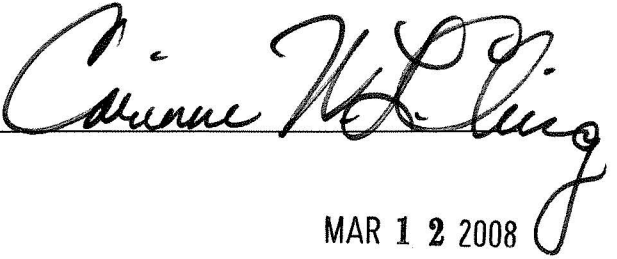


1 those policies in order to provide the best possible educational
2 experience for the children of Hawaii; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Education and the
Superintendent of Education.

OFFERED BY:



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